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Nearly \$2 Million Raised At JWF Inaugural Dinner

Nearly two million dollars was raised last Saturday night at the 1979 Jewish Welfare Inaugural Dinner at Broadmoor Country Club. Mark Talisman, Director of the Washington Office of the

Council of Jewish Federations who gave the principal address, encouraged the one hundred and fifty community leaders to increase their giving by more than \$140,000.

A total of one million ten thousand dollars was also pledged to Israel's Project Renewal at the dinner.

TALISMAN SPOKE on the challenge of being Jewish and how to meet our Jewish agenda. He pointed out that Jewish agencies are successful because they use high standards to make their plans work better.

Talisman works in the Washington office which represents over 200 Jewish Federations.

Talisman mentioned that as Jews we must come to the notion of saving a life. One of the problems we must deal with is the process of helping Russian Jews relocate. He then mentioned some of the recent developments in resettlement accomplished by his office.

Twenty million dollars has

recently been incorporated into the U.S. budget for Russian resettlement. Local Federations will now be matched by government funds in helping refugees resettle. More Russian Jews than ever before are being allowed to emigrate here.

Talisman mentioned two other problems to be dealt with: the survivors of the Holocaust and with the 70,000 Iranian Jews.

CAMPAIGN LEADERS Philip Pecar, Walter Wolf and Irwin Rose conducted the fundraising phase of the meeting. The spirit and camaraderie of the evening saw some very generous gifts being made. Among the largest gifts was \$500,000, \$226,000, \$200,000 and several \$50,000 gifts.

A total of \$1,010,000 was



MARK TALISMAN
... agenda for Jews

pledged to Project Renewal, the program to eliminate the slum areas in Israel. This is payable over a five-year period. The amount is in addition to the almost \$2 million for the JWF.

Michael Blain To Head Israel Bond Office

Michael A. Blain has been appointed Executive Director of the State of Israel Bond organization office in Indianapolis effective January 1, 1979. Blain's appointment was announced by the Development Corporation for Israel in New York and locally by Robert A. Borns, General Chairman of Israel Bonds.

Blain succeeds Irving I. Moschel, who announced his retirement on December 31, 1978. Moschel served with the Bond organization for the past 25 years with the last 12 years as Area Director in charge of the Indianapolis office. During his tenure Israel Bond sales increased from less than a half million to several million dollars annually.

The local office, known as the Illinois-Indiana area, covers the entire state of Indiana, the northern half of Illinois (outside of Chicago) and parts of Iowa and Wisconsin.

BLAIN, WHO HAS served in the Indianapolis office the past five years as associate director, was born in Czechoslovakia and lived in several European countries before coming to the United States in 1949. He served with the United States Army in Korea and graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), Rochester, N.Y. Prior to joining the Bond organization, he worked for book publishers in Cleveland, and in Indianapolis.

Deeply involved in Jewish communal volunteer work, Blain founded and was first president of Hillel at RIT; organized the first student Jewish Welfare campaign, and edited the student newspaper.

In Cleveland he was active in B'nai B'rith; president of Gateway Lodge; vice president of the Interlodge Council; vice president of the State Association; and vice president of the B'nai B'rith Toastmaster's Club. For six



Michael A. Blain
... to assume job in January

years he edited the "Cleveland Craftsman", a graphic arts monthly. He is the recipient of the B'nai B'rith "Man of the Year" Award (1971), and "Outstanding Craftsman of the Year" Award (1970).

Locally, Blain is known for his volunteer work on behalf of Soviet-Jewish immigrants and has been working on the Federation's annual campaign as a solicitor for funds. He is a member of Beth El Zedeck and B'nai Torah Congregations, the Jewish Community Center and the Yiddish Club. He is vice president of the Hebrew Academy, Board member of the Jewish Community Relations Council and chairman of the Holocaust Survivors Committee. He formerly served on the Boards of Beth El, the Jewish Educational Association, and the Institute of Jewish Studies. He was an instructor of Yiddish at the Institute and taught Sunday School at the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation (Yiddish) and B'nai Torah (Holocaust, Israel, Soviet Jewry).

Mike and his wife Sylvia have three sons, Mark, a student at the Jewish Theological Seminary and Columbia University; David, at the University of Chicago; and Dan, an eighth-grader at Northview Junior High School.

With Holiday Season Over

Star's Controversial Editorial Handled By Interfaith Coalition

The controversy over a divisive editorial in the Indianapolis *Star* was successfully handled by the organized Jewish community through interreligious coalitions. The interfaith protest included letters to the editor and a meeting with the publisher.

The Jewish Community Relations Council was concerned with the language and content of the editorial. The Dec. 10 editorial entitled "Sad" dealt with the celebration of Christmas — or rather the lack of it.

The editorial began "Were a certain minority of the American people to have their way over the majority, the spirit of Christmas could well be trampled..."

FINDING THE language and message of the editorial pernicious and divisive to the Indianapolis community the JCRC contacted various interfaith organizations.

The National Conference of Christians and Jews and the Interfaith Educator's Conference agreed to respond to the *Star*.

Rabbi Dennis Sasso of Congregation Beth-El sent a letter to the *Star* which was published on Dec. 25, Christmas day. Local rabbis

and Christian clergymen responded by signing the rabbi's letter.

"As a group of concerned Christians and Jews, we feel we must strongly take issue with the tenor and content of a recent editorial in the *Star*", they wrote.

The Indiana Interreligious Commission on Human Equality a coalition of 26 Protestant, Catholic and Jewish religious bodies, was then contacted.

A DELEGATION from IICHE went to meet with Eugene Pulliam, publisher of the *Star*, and Frank Crane, editor. Members of the delegation included IHC Rabbi Jon Stein, Rabbi Dennis Sasso, Dr. Marcia Goldstone, executive director of the JCRC, Bishop Ralph Alton, Father John Lebeaure, Reverend John Fes and Tom Quigley, director of IICHE.

As a result a letter written by IICHE was published in the Dec. 24 issue of the *Star* taking issue with the "tenor and thrust" of the *Star's* editorial.

The meeting with the *Star's* publishers did not change the newspaper's official position. However, they agreed to do what the JCRC and other interreligious coalitions requested by printing the opposing views.

The JCRC pointed out that the role of a large city newspaper should be to educate the people, not to divide groups within the community.

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Families Going South For The Winter

By GISELA WEISZ

DOWN MEXICO WAY — Rosita and Allen Zukerman entertained their cousins from across the border. Ilana and Alberto Toiber and their three children, Susan, Fred, and Yankel, were in Indianapolis during Hanukkah. Their fourth child, Shimi Toiber does graduate work at the Dental School. He lives in our community temporarily with his wife Chana and son Abie. The Zukerman's latke-dinner and gift exchange party was shared with the entire Toiber family as well as with Celia and Julius Zukerman, Larry Zukerman, Pearl and David Regenstein, their children, Matt, Leigh, and Andee, Molly and Sigmund Regenstein, their daughter Marsha, Sandy and Marty Lipp, with children Eric and Chari, Molly and Gary Dubow and daughter Heather, Helen and Jack Dubow and David Dubow.



Weisz

RELATIVITY — Mary Solomon and her son Ivan visited Mary's brother in Galveston, Tex. The pleasure of the visit was increased with the arrival of a baby girl. The new addition to the family is a great-great-niece to Mary Solomon.

GRANDFATHER'S GRAND-DAUGHTER — True to family tradition, Linda Hochman did the unusual. In 1939, Sam Hochman, Linda's grandfather, a great devotee of walking (those days jogging was not yet fashionable), walked from

Indianapolis to New York to see the world fair. Granddaughter Linda went a bit further — around the world — as a matter of fact. She worked hard and earned her fare on the passenger ship, called Yankee Trader. Why? "Because I wanted to see the world!" she said.

GENERATIONS — Carol and Jerry Steinfield, with children Michele and Stuart, will spend two weeks in Miami at grandmother Rose Goldstein's home.

HASENEH — Marcia and Dr. Dan Wolf attended the wedding of an old friend in Memphis, Tenn. Former Indianapolis residents, May and Norton Novick invited the Wolfs to their son's wedding. Rebecca Friedman and Dr. Mark Novick's wedding was held at the magnificent new reform synagogue, Temple Israel.

FUN FOR ALL — Livia and Bradley Klain parked their two children in grandma's house in Florida and went to the Bahamas last month for a short vacation.

EVER YOUNG — That grand lady, Bertha Marx, must be admired by her dinner date. Jim Gerald, the T.V. personality, a friend of long standing, took Bertha and friends to a fashionable eatery the other night.

PLEASANT — Ralph Pardo of New Hampton, Mass. is visiting his sister and brother-in-law, Sue and Hyman Calderon.

ATAVISM — Sylvia and Mike Blain have returned from Amherst, Mass. The Blains led their son, Mark, under the chuppah when he

married Julie Kropf, on the second day of Chanukah. Attending from Indianapolis were Daniel and David Blain, Betty Moser, Mark's grandmother, Mark I. Schwartz, Leslie Gronauer, Reuven Stafford and Lisa Davis. Mark, the new bridegroom, re-appropriated his forefathers' family name; he is now called Mark Blobstein.

SURF-BOARD — Richard Thompson, vice president of a local brokerage firm, was awarded a trip for being top salesman. Nancy and Richard vacationed for two glorious weeks on islands Maui and Hawaii.

TO CELEBRATE — A surprise Hanukkah-birthday party for Anna Ruth Hasten's mother brought many members of this family from all over the states to Minneapolis. Anna Ruth was there with daughter Monica to help celebrate the happy occasion.

OFFSPRING — Vivacious Ellen Schneiderman from San Diego visited her parents, Bea and Phil Schneiderman, for the holidays.

JUDAICA — Does a rabbi ever retire? Not this one. Rabbi Sam Schwartz and his lovely wife, Gertrude, moved here from Norwalk, Conn. to be with daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Edwin Feinberg. The richness of Rabbi and Mrs. Schwartz's learning has already benefitted our community. Every Thursday morning the rabbi and his wife conduct a workshop of Judaic studies at the Community Center. The other day, folkloristic practices were discussed by Rabbi Schwartz who carries the

title: "Professor Emeritus in Psychology" in Yiddish language. Our community is looking forward to having interesting and enjoyable times sharing Judaism with these two accessible and knowledgeable leaders! Welcome!

SHORE LEAVE: The Steinberg family, Phyllis, Arvin, Debbie and Scott, spent two weeks in Ft. Lauderdale.

COTERIE: The Chavurah-group met at Dee and Sanford Schwartz's home for a Hanukkah dinner, but Dee did not have to prepare the meal. Each of the couples coming to the party brought one covered dish. The Schwartz's buffet table displayed a tantalizing assortment for eyes and tastebuds created by Barbara and Av Herman, Joanne and Darrell Mandel, Evelyn and Leon Harris, Carol and Jerry Steinfield and Sylvia and Mike Blain.

BETCHA: Janet and Don Stillerman have just returned from a trip to Reno, Nevada, where they stayed at the fabulous new Harrah hotel.

WARMING: Mrs. Frank Goldsmith is going to visit old friends in Tucson, Ariz. in January.

IN SUNSHINE: Judy and Ted Sosin recently vacationed in Ft. Lauderdale.

BRING IN THE NEW: Once again, the Broadmoor Country Club New Year's Eve Party was an elegant affair. Milling in the clubhouse carrying their champagne glasses were Joanne and Roly Koplow, Alberta and Sherman Weinstein, Idamae

and Marvin Sablosky, Leah and Charlie Redish and Ronny and Helen Newmark.

On the dance floor swaying with the music were Trudy and Bob Hollander, Millie and Bernie Perry, Emile and Milton Bliden and Ann and Dick Glasser.

Sampling the delicious midnight breakfast spread were Barbara and Alex Kahn, Harriett and Myron Wolf, Alice and Leonard Berkowitz, June and Charles Fish, and Alice and Henry Schildmeier.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Weisz are the parents of a baby girl, Lillian Beth, born on January 6 in St. Vincent Hospital. Maternal grandparents are Ms. May Annexton, Chicago, and Mr. Stanley Karatz, Palo Alto, Calif. Paternal Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Zoltan Weisz, Indianapolis. The great-grandmother is Mrs. Rose Karatz, Scottsdale, Arizona and great-grandfather is Mr. Joe Annexton, Delray Beach, Fla. The Weiszes have another child, Sandor, age 2.

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DOES ISRAEL NEED ANOTHER RELIGION?—The openness of Israeli society has attracted the Hare Krishna to seek disciples in Israel. Shown here are two members of the cult in the accepted attire and with shaven heads of the cult.

For First Time U.S. Poll Favors Egypt Over Israel

NEW YORK — An ominous portent for Israel and the U.S. Jewish community is contained in the results of the latest Harris poll which shows for the first time in any U.S. polls that a plurality favors Egypt over Israel on a question involving the two.

A TOTAL of 37 per cent of those responding stated that Israel should give Egypt some guarantees about self-rule as part of the peace treaty between the two countries, while only 30 per cent concur that such changes violate the agreement reached at Camp David.

The poll would have been even more unfavorable to the Jewish position were it not for the fact that 70 per cent of the Jews responding agreed with Israel's stand, while only 10 per cent disapproved.

LOUIS HARRIS interpreted the results to indicate that "part of the current surge of sympathy for Egyptian president Sadat stems from a sense that Egypt is taking a high risk in continuing to advocate peace without any visible backing from other Arab elements."

No Rush To Resume Israel-Egypt Talks

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Preliminary moves leading toward a resumption of talks between Israel and Egypt were being put into motion this week as previous indications that the negotiations would resume here shortly between Dayan and Khalil were discounted.

Both Israel and Egypt have

stated they are ready to meet again, but both repeated their reservations.

U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance told newsmen that there is no rush to resume the talks and indicated preliminary clarifications before for foreign ministers met again was the plan at present.

Iran's Jews Sitting Tight

TEL AVIV — Not only are the Jews of Iran not taking advantage of the opportunity to leave at this time, but some who were in Israel returned by plane to Tehran this week aboard an El Al flight bound for Tehran to bring home Solel Boneh construction workers involved in a number of projects totaling \$200 million.

The hope that the new

civilian regime will bring a cessation of the disorders was short-lived, and the new government has announced that it would no longer sell oil to Israel, and even that it would join the Arabs opposing Israel.

Eighty Iranian Jews "visiting" here boarded the El Al plane to return to their homes in Iran.

Congregation's Female Students Indifferent On Women Rabbis

HOUSTON — Conservative college women are seemingly not concerned too much with the question of women as rabbis.



Segal

This was the deduction made by Rabbi Jack Segal who asked 150 female college students in his congregation their views on women as Conservative rabbis. A commission will be reporting on the issue later this month to the annual convention of the Conservative rabbinate.

ALTHOUGH 74 per cent of the women responding favored women as rabbis, only 18 per cent of the 150 women in the survey responded. This led the rabbi of Congregation Jeshurun to say "After analyzing these statistics, I do not think that there is a strong feeling toward female ordination among the female college students belonging to our synagogue, even though three-fourths of those replying favored this innovation. I say this because approximately 150 female college students received this questionnaire with a stamped and addressed return envelope but only 27 females returned the completed questionnaire."

Continuing, he said, "The return was merely 18 per cent. In fact, fewer females than males returned the completed questionnaire. Hence it must be concluded

Hotels, El Al Feud Over Tourist Drop

TEL AVIV — The 20-25 per cent drop in the number of tourists to Israel in the last two months has led to counter accusations between the hotel industry and El Al.

El Al was blamed for not publicizing its economy fare for the winter months until it was too late for travel agents to use them in time. They expressed concern for the same tactics by the airline for the spring season.

El Al on the other hand blamed the increased hotel prices and the "less than perfect" service for the reduced number of tourists.

that this subject is not really a 'burning' issue with most female college students belonging to our synagogue. Most are probably satisfied with the status quo — a Conservative rabbinate closed to the female sex."

THE PERCENTAGE for men was 64 favoring women in the rabbinate. The percentages for women as cantors was even higher, 73 per cent for the women responding and 85 per cent for the women responding.

When he sent the questionnaire to the college students of his congregation, Rabbi Segal enclosed a copy of his sermon on the question, "Should We Have Women In The Conservative Rabbinate?" In the sermon's conclusion he urged that

"The Conservative Movement should issue a takanah, an amendment to our previous procedures, something that will take into consideration the present and the changes in society that have occurred during the last quarter of a century."

CONTINUING he said:

"I personally think that this takanah should openly state:

"1. The Jewish Theological Seminary will accept women in its rabbinic school;

"2. These women will be ordained as rabbis upon completion of the complete rabbinic course of study;

"3. These women will be offered rabbinic positions on the same basis as men are presently offered rabbinic positions."

View Of ADL Director

Billy Carter 'Loses' On Libyan Connection

ATLANTA — An expression of satisfaction of the way in which the Billy Carter-Libyan delegation incident worked out was expressed here by Stuart Lowengrub, who heads the Southeastern office of the Anti-Defamation League. He said that Billy's statement over CBS TV to the effect that "anyone who wants to buy me, I'm flat out for sale," summed up the matter.

That President Carter was embarrassed again by his brother goes without saying, but whether Carter's washing his hands was the right

response was another matter. The President told newsmen that in effect he differed with his brother but could not control him. He added that he loved him.

Billy's anti-Semitic remarks and his response that there are more Arabs than Jews also revealed his thinking. He denied that he had been paid anything for escorting the delegation to Atlanta and fronting for them at the reception at the Hilton Hotel and the press conferences. The State Department had sent him a routine letter inquiring about his status with Libya.

9 Top New York Rabbis Are Chosen By Magazine

NEW YORK — The nine New York City rabbis to whom President Carter and Gov. Carter pay most attention when they express their views were featured as the cover article in the Jan. 22 issue of the New York Magazine on the stands this week.

In alphabetical order they are Rabbis Moshe Feinstein, Shlomo Riskin, Alexander Schindler, M.M. Schneerson, Morris Sherer, Seymour Siegel, Marc Tanenbaum,

Joel Teitelbaum, and Isaac Trainin.

There were many here who were ready to challenge the selection which was made by Ronald Rubin, professor of political science at CUNY, the City University of New York. The article related the activities and achievements of the selectees.

Two of those chosen are Hassidic titular heads — Rabbis Schneerson and Teitelbaum, and only one is a congregation rabbi — Schlomo Riskin.

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THIS WAS TRUE OF CHAIM WEIZMANN, and despite continuing efforts to maintain the myth he stands revealed in his true greatness as a human being with the inevitable failings of a human being. His limited vision of Jewish statehood was a terrible and costly flaw.

Ben Gurion was a giant, but made many mistakes of judgment, brushed aside at the time, and only latterly being revealed.

The spotlight of truth played on the career of Pinhas Sapir soon after his death, and today it is already commonplace for Israelis to comment that many of the major weaknesses in Israel's economy can be ascribed to his administration of the nation's finances.

THE BELOVED MATRIARCH OF ISRAEL, Golda Meir, is no exception. She was universally respected and admired. The obituary notices have dwelt at length on her many virtues. But the Israel press does not hesitate to remind the public of another side of Golda Meir, one known only too well to those who crossed her path. She was vindictive in her political conflicts, and bitterly opposed colleagues like Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Navon. She was narrow-minded in her Socialism, and dreamt of the collapse of capitalism in Israel. She was tyrannical in her efforts to suppress critical news, as most Israel journalists can testify. She was stubborn and unyielding in her major views, and of course this failing was also her greatest virtue under certain circumstances.

Mythology belongs to the ancient past. It is better that we be guided by a spirit of realism. Otherwise we delude ourselves.—A.C.

Iran's Jews Compared To Germany's In 1930s

TEL AVIV — Comparison of the situation of the Jews of Iran today with that of the Jews of Germany in the 1930s in their unwillingness to leave Iran was made here by World Jewish Congress immediate past president Nahum Goldmann. Both he and Philip Klutznick, Congress president, expressed dismay that most Iranian Jews have chosen to remain despite the turmoil and their uncertain future.

Dr. Goldmann said that if European Jews had listened to the warnings of the 1930s, millions would have been alive today. He said the Iranian Jews are waiting until the last moment when it

may be too late to save themselves.

The two were addressing the Congress's Israel executive.

China Shift On Israel Seen

NEW YORK — A statement in an interview with China's Deputy Prime Minister Keng Piao to a visiting American delegation may mean that China is shifting slightly in its opposition to Israel.

Howard Squadron, a leading New York attorney who heads the American Jewish Congress, failed to detect the nuance when he mentioned in their conversation that he believes peace was likely in the Middle East "unless the Soviet Union causes mischief". Keng's response was that the Chinese and the Jewish people were in all the world "the two peoples who love their countries most".

Leonard Woodcock, who headed the mission, noted that when Keng said that China's position in the Middle East peace negotiations was "essentially in agreement with Egypt", and that in any settlement Israel "must withdraw from most of the territory" it has taken, this was a shift from China's original position. Previously China had demanded that Israel withdraw from all occupied territory.

Bonds, UJA Total \$47.3 M. For '78

NEW YORK — Figures for the two major agencies aiding Israel financially were released this week. The totals announced for 1978 were cash, not pledges.

The Israel Bond Organization led the United Jewish Appeal with a total of \$369.8 million, an increase over 1977 of \$38 million.

Figures for the United Jewish Appeal were \$277.5 million, the largest amount since the Yom Kippur War, and an increase of \$5 million over 1977.

Digest of The Yiddish Press

Reform Rabbis Not Rabbis To Him

By SAMUEL SILVER

Rabbi David Hollander is so Orthodox he won't address



Silver

Daily Forward.

A powerful orator and exegete, Hollander has been president of the mainline Rabbinical Council of America, but then moved to the right of that organization and later became president of the more fundamentalist Iggud Harabbonim and then got into a hassle with that group. He now heads Poalei Agudath Israel.

Much in demand as a speaker, he makes frequent trips overseas for lecture engagements. On a recent visit to Israel, he appeared often before live audiences and on the media and he sparked considerable interest by his interpretation of a statement in Genesis about Jacob's discomfiture in the house of Laban. In Hebrew the name Laban is a word, meaning "white". Thus his meaning was that the Jews

have taken a shellacking in the White House.

On his return to the U.S. Hollander was huzzahed by a new congregation in Brighton Beach, Brooklyn, which wooed and won him from his longtime Bronx pulpit. (Algemeiner Journal)

Publisher Is Honored

Fred Schochet, publisher of the Jewish Floridian, an Anglo-Jewish weekly with three outlets, was recently honored in Miami. He and his wife, Susan, had just returned from Israel, where they were guests of the government, and the testimonial was given by the Jewish National Fund, which netted \$180,000 from those who attended the gala.

In the Forward, L. Lasovin traces the history of the paper. It was founded 50 years ago by Fred's father, Louis Schochet, who came to the sunbelt from Baltimore. The paper has been a stalwart champion of Jewishness, waging fights against the Klan and other anti-semitic groups and also battling with anti-Zionists in the Jewish camp.

Speaker at the banquet was CBS correspondent, Robert Evans, fresh from the Mideast. Evans underscored the fact that Sadat cannot go

back. True, he is pressing Israel for as many concessions as he can get. But anyone who visits Cairo and sees the poverty, the squalor and the misery there realizes that, unless he wants the fate that is being visited on the Shah of Iran, Sadat must bring his people peace instead of consuming all his resources with arms purchases.

The Eternal Light

Documentary dramas have reached a new high with "The Eternal Light", the programs created by the Jewish Theological Seminary and disseminated by NBC. Currently, the Eternal Light is observing its 35th anniversary, and it is reproducing some of its classics like Morton Wishengrad's "The Bar Mitzvah of Private Cohen", Mark Siegel's "A Message from Dimona", and Sylvia Berger's "Try Not to Love Such a Land". The roster of those who have had roles on "Light" includes such names as Paul Muni, Maureen Stapleton, Edward G. Robinson, Melvyn Douglas, Sam Jaffe, Joan Crawford, Ruby Dee, John Garfield, and Ted Bikel, who is hosting the anniversary series. (I. Teatralov in the Forward).

Flashbacks In Jewish History

When Anti-Semitism Was Rife In L.A.

By RABBI A. P. BLOCH

January 22, 1869 — An editorial in the Daily News of Los Angeles took to task the purveyors of anti-Semitic slurs and innuendos.



The editorial was prompted by a casual statement made by a Christian visitor to Mr. A. J. King, the editor of the paper. The visitor offered his impressions of the growing town. "You have a good climate here, and all that; and your town looks thriving enough, but my dear fellow, the Jews have it".

MR. KING took the last phrase for the caption of his editorial. "The Jews Have It". When removed from the context of whatever other comments the visitor might have made, this phrase may be ranked as the restrained mutterings of polite anti-Semitism. Yet the editor knew that behind the phrase was a cauldron of hate ready to burst at the slightest provocation.

California has always had a reputation for spawning off-beat movements. But even its solid citizenry was susceptible to the prejudices which have been part of

Western culture. Behind this prejudice were economic competitions, religious bias and medieval misconceptions.

The first Jewish settlers arrived in Los Angeles in 1849. The first congregation was established in 1862 with a membership of 30 families. They were industrious, thrifty and a law-abiding group. However, their success stirred hatred. In 1865, a Christian merchant told Harris Newman, a prominent merchant, "it is my intention to drive every Jew in Los Angeles out of business". Newman's proud reaction was to found H. Newman & Co. which was destined to become a distinguished business concern.

THE EDITORIAL in the Daily News criticized the habit of judging individuals by their race rather than on merit. He pointed to the heritage of Jewish stereotypes left by The Merchant of Venice, Ivanhoe and Oliver Twist. He debunked the slanders against the Jews of Los Angeles by citing their charitableness, civic responsibility and freedom from vice and crime. He denounced the charge that Jews were getting rich. "So would you, if you pursued their honorable course".

"Jews are dishonest", was

an oft-repeated anti-Semitic slogan. This slogan has a long history. Back in 1654 Peter Stuyvesant wrote to the West India Co.: "The Jews...with their deceitful trading with the Christians are very repugnant to the people..."

Needed

Sex Problem Expert Who Speaks Hebrew

JERUSALEM — Lack of a sex expert with a good knowledge of Hebrew is preventing the Misgav Ladach Hospital here from opening a sex clinic.

The need for such a department became apparent from the inquiries received over the hospital's "open telephone" line every Monday for two hours for "women's problems".

The experience of this service has been, according to hospital director Maccabi Salzberger, that men too are using the phone service, but there is no sex clinic where the callers can be referred to.

As a last resort, the hospital may send one of its present staff for additional training in the field of sex problems.

Should Women Serve In Conservative Rabbinate?

By RABBI JACK SEGAL

Several months ago I officiated at a unique wedding in our Chapel. During the 24 years that I have been a rabbi I have co-officiated with Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform rabbis and cantors. But this was the first time that I was co-officiating with a female cantor. Both Annette Sondock and I were conducting the wedding service together.

However, prior to the wedding Annette and I, the parents of the bride and groom, and the bride and groom assembled together in the Bride's Room in order to sign the *Ketubah*, the marriage document. As we were about to begin the ritual Annette said to me, "Rabbi, would you like me to sign the *Ketubah* as one of the witnesses?" She said this because she knew that Cantor Wagner always signs the *Ketubah* as a witness when he co-officiates at a wedding with me. She was merely trying to be helpful.

BUT I MUST ADMIT that my face quickly turned red and with a forced smile I weakly said, "I'm sorry, Annette. I would love to have you sign the *Ketubah* both in Hebrew and English but the Conservative movement has as yet not sanctioned women to be witnesses for such a ritual. It still follows the Orthodox tradition as stated in the Talmud (Yoma 6:1), 'En ha'ishah me'idah,' 'A woman may not be a witness.' Whenever we receive official documents from the Seminary — conversions, divorces, marriages — you will always notice that the witnesses are men." However, in order to possibly make her feel better I concluded my statement by meekly saying, "I'm really sorry Annette — maybe next year."

But, I still needed a second witness — one who was Jewish, male, older than 13, and not a blood relative of the bride or groom.

Finally, a man was brought into the Bride's Room and I was told, "Rabbi, this is your second witness," and he proudly said, "Just show me where to sign it."

I SHOWED HIM the line where he was supposed to sign as the second witness and I said to him, "Please also sign your name in Hebrew on the other line" — and I pointed to a line on the Hebrew side of the document. However, this second witness said, "I don't know my Hebrew name and I don't know how to write Hebrew."

Well, we asked several people and we finally came forth with his Hebrew name and his father's Hebrew name and solved that perplexing problem. However, I then asked him, "Are you a Kohane, Levi or Yisra'el?" — but he merely hesitated for a moment and then finally said, "Neither...I'm a lawyer."

Well, to make a long story short I wrote his full Hebrew name on a piece of paper and he then copied it onto the *Ketubah*.

MY FRIENDS, I bring this incident to your attention simply because it is not rare. It occurs very frequently.

I bring it to your attention because he was considered a legal and kosher witness but Annette who leads our Family Service and Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, who teaches our school children how to chant the Haftarah, who conducts our ESP Youth Choir, who trained and led our Youth Choir for the Interfaith Service this year, and who does so many things at our synagogue...to Annette I was obliged to say, "Sorry, you cannot be a witness for a Jewish marriage. You are a woman...maybe next year."

My friends, I bring this entire subject to your attention this evening because the Seminary is presently

studying a possible major innovation. The Seminary is presently being asked to ordain women as Conservative rabbis...which it has so far not done...and which it has, up to the present, refused to do.

TODAY, there are 75 girls studying for the rabbinate at the Reform and Reconstructionist Seminaries. In five years, one-third of all the rabbinic graduates of these two Seminaries will be women, but the closest we in the Conservative movement have come to that is the statement: "Our final decision will be made during the summer of 1979."

Until now the Conservative movement has merely stated, "Yes women may receive aliyot; they may read from the Torah; they may be considered part of a minyan; but the rabbinate is *verbotten* and prohibited to them."

It should be noted that this really is a problem since within the last two or three years many young women have said: "I believe in Conservative Judaism; I am comfortable in Conservative Judaism; I want to be a religious leader in our movement; I want to be a rabbi."

HOWEVER, until now the answer from the Seminary has always been the same: "We feel sympathy for you; we understand your wishes; but, unfortunately, there is no such thing as a 'woman rabbi' within the Conservative movement; there is no such thing as ordaining women within our religious persuasion."

But a week ago this became even more than a theoretical question for me. One of our own Beth Yeshurun girls, a junior in college, said to me, "Rabbi, how do you feel about women rabbis? I would like to enter the rabbinate. I have made my decision. I want to be a rabbi...not a *rebbeztin*. I want to be a Jewish leader...not a Jewish follower. I want to help mold Jewish religious minds...not merely have someone do it for me. I don't want to become a Reform or Reconstructionist rabbi...I want to be a Conservative rabbi. I want to remain within the religious movement in which I was raised and in which I feel comfortable."

MY FRIENDS, frankly speaking, I agree with her 100%. I must admit that when I came to Beth Yeshurun some 13 years ago

I was opposed to such so-called "wild" and "intemperate" ideas. But I have changed. I have matured.

I have changed not because I have been pressured into change but rather because I have given this subject much thought and the only conclusion that I could reach was...help open the Seminary and the Conservative rabbinate to those girls who want to become Conservative rabbis.

Before this young girl returned to Austin this week I said to her, "I am willing to make you a test case. I will personally back you, and sponsor you, and encourage you, and if we are successful and eventually you are ordained I will personally be happy to share this pulpit with you and have you become my assistant rabbi."

MY FRIENDS, since that incident at the wedding several months ago I have taken the liberty of asking many of our members, men and women, young and old: "Are you in favor or are you opposed to having women in the Conservative rabbinate?"

To my surprise, my unofficial and limited, and unscientific personal survey in-

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Should Women Serve In Conservative Rabbinate?

(Continued from previous page) dictated that most people to whom I spoke were actually opposed to women in the Conservative rabbinate. As I listened to them I heard three major arguments articulated.

Firstly, "What is the next thing you are going to bring to our congregation, rabbi? First you gave women aliyot. Then you brought baby girls on the pulpit to be blessed. Where are we going? I am not used to all these new things. Are you trying to make women into men?"

Secondly, I heard others say: "If Moses would come back tomorrow he would not recognize the Judaism he gave us. We are doing away with our traditions. Women in the rabbinate is not traditional."

THIRDLY, still others said to me: "Rabbi, you are taking us further and further away from the Orthodox movement. Our synagogue was always a synthesis of the Orthodox and the Conservative. That is the way we always felt comfortable. In fact, we even have an Orthodox Chapel and a Conservative Sanctuary. But, rabbi, you're trying to break that link. You're bringing us closer to Reform Judaism with your new idea of women rabbis."

My friends, these three

statements are very good statements, but unfortunately they really dodge and ignore the major issue.

I am not interested in making women into men. I personally believe in "Vive la difference". However, I do believe that those women who want to be totally Jewish as they understand it should be given that opportunity...be it by signing a *Ketubah*, or becoming a rabbi, or performing any Jewish ritual that we have.

Yes, I realize that years ago these opportunities were not granted to women and the concept of women rabbis is a new and different concept, but I say that "times have changed". You cannot reattach to the calendar the pages of the months that have already been torn off. One must primarily live in the present and the future.

DO YOU REMEMBER the biblical story of the woman who wanted to live only in the past? Do you remember the story of Lot's wife and what happened to her when God destroyed Sodom and Gemorrah?

The Bible tells us that God told Lot and his wife (Gen.19:17), "Al tabit achareka," "Don't look behind you. (Stop talking about the beautiful parties you used to have. Stop referring to the expensive furniture you used to have. Stop making comments about the impressive garden you planted several years ago. Stop living in the past. Face reality. Run toward the mountain. Keep your eyes focused on that which is before you...the present and the future.)"

But Lot's wife refused to heed God's advice. "Vatabet ishto me'acharav, vatehi netziv melach," (Gen.19:26). She insisted on turning around, on concentrating on the past, on ignoring the present, and the Bible tells us that she became "netziv melach," "a pillar of salt".

MY FRIENDS, we, too, can no longer ignore the present and reality. Women, for better or for worse, no longer want to remain home simply sewing, cooking, knitting. Many want to be active in all fields of endeavor and

some even want to enter the field of religion.

Frankly speaking, to me women in the Conservative rabbinate should not even be thought of as a unique experience by those who are members at Beth Yeshurun. Just think of it, at our synagogue women chant the Torah and Haftarah regularly. They chant the Kiddush regularly. In fact, when the cantor was on vacation this summer who led our services? I'll tell you.

Annette Sondock led the Shabbat services the first week; Margie Burman led the Shabbat services the second week; Barbara Babchick led the Shabbat services the third week; Michelle Hite and Lisa Lewis led the Shabbat services the fourth week...and everyone loved each one of those four services.

In addition to this, this year on Rosh Hashanah in the Main Sanctuary the Haftarah will be chanted by Rosemary Pachter and Frances Kaplan...and I can assure you that they will do an excellent job.

I CAN GO ON and on but I think that there is no necessity for that. Hence, if we at Beth Yeshurun would take a female rabbi to be my assistant I do not think anyone here would be entitled to say, "This is something new at Beth Yeshurun. It is difficult to get used to."

The second argument that was used was that placing women in the rabbinate was not a "traditional" act. However, I say that that really depends on how one defines the word "traditional".

I remember about three years ago a young woman entered the Sanctuary on a Saturday morning and seated herself in the side section toward my left. As I looked at her I noticed something different...she had put on a tallit just like the men.

Later, when I entered the Pulaski-Rauch Auditorium for the Kiddush several people approached me and said, "Did you see that young woman in the front wearing the tallit? Was she cold? Was there something wrong with her?"

Still another individual said, "She must be a leader in a women's liberation organization."

In fact, one woman even said, "It's sacrilegious."

YOU SEE, no one had ever previously seen a woman wearing a tallit...and neither had I...and because of that, they were shocked. "It isn't traditional" they said.

But it is interesting to note that even though throughout the centuries women have not worn the tallit, the Talmud (Menahot 43 a) tells us that there were even some rabbis who felt that women were obliged to wear a tallit.

In fact, the Maharil tells us of a certain rabbi's wife, Bruna, who insisted on wearing a tallit, but still none of the rabbis seemed to become terribly excited about it.

In addition to this, the Talmud tells us (*Eruvin 96a*) "Michal bat kushi haitah manechet tephillin velo michu bah chakamin." "Michal, the daughter of Kushi (Saul) put on the tephillin every day...however, the rabbis did not protest." The rabbis of 2,000 years ago did not get excited and shout, "We protest. ITS NOT TRADITIONAL." They allowed her to find personal fulfillment in Judaism as she thought it necessary. (In fact, Rabbi Aaron ha-Kohen of Lunel (early 14 Cent.) quotes the Rashba to the effect that women are allowed to put on tephillin (*orchot Hayyim*, sec. on Tephillin, No. 3), and the Tosaphot state that Rabbenu Tam also ruled likewise (R.H. 33a, s.v. Ha Rebe Yehuda...)).

SIMILARLY, the third argument...ordaining women in the Conservative movement will simply take us further away from the Orthodox...also does not bother me. We are already there...even if we do not want to admit it.

True, there are certain rituals that are important to both the Orthodox and Conservative movements but that is totally immaterial to the Orthodox movement today.

In Israel, and even in many places in the United States, the Orthodox rabbinate does not recognize or honor our Conservative conversions or divorces. It is as if we do not exist.

In fact, I remember about eight or nine years ago when Rabbi Malev and I used to have our Jewish divorces written in New York by an Orthodox rabbi I called the Orthodox rabbi in New York and said, "I have a major problem. A woman approached me and said that she and her husband were divorced a year ago but, now, he refuses to give her a Jewish divorce. What can we do?"

I REMEMBER very vividly how he said, "Tell me, who officiated at the wedding?"

I replied, "A Conservative rabbi"...and I stated the specific city where the rabbi lived.

The Orthodox rabbi in New York then said, "Good, he probably used as witnesses people who do not observe the Shabbat according to Orthodox law. Therefore, the marriage was never legal. Hence, she does not need a Jewish divorce. You no longer have a problem."

Of course, that was the last time I consulted with that rabbi but I do believe that it is indicative of a trend that we in the Conservative movement are now experiencing.

My friends, I personally feel that the Conservative movement must now make a quantum move. The Conservative movement should issue a *takanah*, an amendment to our previous procedures, something that will be an improvement on the past, something that will take into consideration the present and the changes in society that have occurred during the last quarter of a century.

I PERSONALLY THINK that this *takanah* should openly state:

1. The Jewish Theological Seminary will accept women in its rabbinic school;
2. These women will be ordained as rabbis upon completion of the complete rabbinic course of study;
3. These women will be offered rabbinic positions on the same basis as men are presently offered rabbinic positions.

Frankly speaking, I think that we at Beth Yeshurun will eventually get an assistant rabbi when the Seminary begins ordaining women into the Conservative rabbinate. I also believe that this *takanah* will enable many young Jewish women to achieve personal religious fulfillment, as they understand it.

I truly hope that next summer our movement will have the courage to take this quantum jump.

Amen!

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Sabraman Is Israel's Superman

It's difficult to believe but the creator of Israel's first comic strip is 15-year-old Uri Fink. The name of the strip is what else — Sabraman? The Tel Aviv schoolboy's first comic book hit the newstands in November and already two more are in the process of being produced. Although American comic strips proliferate in Israel and carry Hebrew subtitles, none has been indigenous until now. Uri has been reading comic books since the age of six and has 3000 in his collection. "I like the non-stop action and the special powers of the heroes and their enemies," he said. "Comics come between books and films. They have their own reality, like science fiction." Sabraman's success has already led to Sabraman T-shirts.



Fink

The Non Jewish Hero

When Wayne Peake, a World War II fighter pilot who joined Israel's miniature air force in the War of Independence, died of cancer in Los Angeles at the age of 56, it was learned that he had requested that he be buried in Israel. Peake was not Jewish. The request came all the way to Minister of Defense Ezer Weizman, through Mordechai Hod, El Al's general manager who had flown with Peake. El Al brought Mrs. Peake and children to Israel where the hero was laid to rest in the Haifa Military Cemetery alongside another non-Jewish fighter for Israel's independence, Buzz Beurling. Hod described Peake as "unusually kind and considerate, and most gentle. He never spoke much, and was indignant when salary was mentioned. He did not accept any pay." Peake at the time of his death was chief pilot for Flying Tigers Airline. When he knew he was suffering from cancer, he brought his wife, Ellen, on a visit to Israel in 1975.

Tradition Continued

It has become a tradition whenever G. Mennen Williams, former governor of Michigan, was inducted into office he took the oath from Rabbi Leon Fram. The spiritual leader of Detroit's Temple Israel performed that service six times while Gov. Williams served at Lansing, and now on Jan. 2 when he took the oath of office as Supreme Court Justice Rabbi Fram conducted the ceremonial swearing-in, making it a total of seven times.

Goldmann Has His Say

Israel cannot take in a large influx of several hundred thousand Russian immigrants, Russia cannot be forced against her will when her vital interests are threatened, without Russia the State of Israel would not exist today, Russian Jewry is not a tool for mobilizing the young Jews of the United States, and although accusations of anti-Semitism made against the U.S.S.R. have been very much exaggerated, it is true that there has not been a complete break with the sinister old anti-Semitic tradition in Russia. These were the views expressed by an excerpt from Nahum Goldmann's "The Goldmann Jewish Paradox", printed on the op-ed page of the New York Times. "A hostile anti-Jewish potential has been building up there," he wrote, "and some Russians believe that their country's enemy is not so much capitalism as world Jewry. Fortunately that is not the ruling opinion in Government circles, but one might tremble for the fate of Russian Jews if another cold war set in."



The Dentist

Dr. David Kaplan of the Columbia University School of Dental Medicine and Oral Surgery has three medals he received in Israel. The first he won as the American radio officer on the S.S. Ben Hecht which was carrying illegal immigrants to Israel in 1946. He was imprisoned by the British in Acre, and this stint earned him the Irgun Medal which was presented to 20 heroes, only six of whom are still alive. The second medal was the Freedom Fighters Medal which Israel bestowed on him in 1970, and the third he received at an Irgun reunion in Tel Aviv recently when he was in Israel for a three-month stint at the Hebrew Univer-

sity-Hadassah School of Dental Medicine to help develop a long-range dental health program in Israel. He said there is an incredible need for basic dental care in Israel since 90 per cent of the people receive no dental care whatsoever. He was critical of the emphasis at the School on basic science research which he said while valuable the country at this time cannot afford. Instead research is desperately needed in systems of delivery, financing services, making service available and improving the distribution of dentists.

In Dallas

The media reports exaggerated but there was no disagreement that at least one of the couples attending a wedding in Congregation Shearith Israel in Dallas were watching the Dallas Cowboys—L.A. Rams football game on a portable tv during the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Gary Luskey even held up six fingers (the media reported that at the first Cowboy touchdown Luskey called out "we got six" and was jumping up and down) at the first touchdown, he told The Post and Opinion. After the ceremony, Rabbi Jordan S. Ofseyer walked over to the couple who had taken a seat in the rear and although they expected a lecture, he asked only, "who's winning?" Mrs. Luskey said the Dallas Cowboy organization called to thank her for the publicity.

The Collector Of Israeli Art

Collectors of Israeli art could presumably be all Jews, but at least one is not. He is Tony Barnard, who hopes he has struck a bonanza in his collection of Israeli paintings, etc., which he began in New York several years ago when he visited Bertha Urgan's gallery and bought two drawings by Moshe Kupferman, and a week later, four more by Buki Schwartz and Pinchas Cohen-Gan. Now an advertising executive, he comes by his art knowledge through his genes. His grandfather was George Grey Barnard, turn-of-the-century sculptor, and his father was p.r. man for the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. He has limited his collecting to Israeli art, which now adorns his Hollywood home, and Mark Sheps, Tel Aviv Museum Director, describes 71 of Barnard's pieces as "of museum quality". His purchases led to many friendships with Jews and some of the artists whose works he was collecting so when he had chosen a bride, he asked Rabbi Avraham Solten, chairman of the American Friends of the Tel Aviv University, to marry them, complete with the sheva brachot but without the breaking of the glass. Their honeymoon was spent in Israel — where else?

Sermon Of The Week

Even God Is In The Process of Becoming—Rabbi Richard Weiss, Nassau Community Temple, West Hempstead, N.Y.

Quotation Of The Week

Last year, if it hadn't been so pathetic, it would have been funny to read the names of prominent Jews, once our heroes, now temporarily or permanently added to the so-called Jewish enemies list. Shades of Nixon! Names like Senator Abraham Ribicoff of Connecticut, Senator Jacob Javits of New York, Chief Rabbi of Great Britain Immanuel Jakobovitz, Michael Sacher who heads up the United Jewish Appeal of Great Britain, Author Saul Bellow. The list is endless and why? Because these distinguished Jewish leaders publicly expressed dissent — and advanced alternative views on the Middle East.

Fear can be pathological. Unchecked, uncontrolled, it can become a sickness that can make us paranoid. And, to some extent, I'm afraid that it has. We who are Jewish, we have always reserved the right to disagree with everybody else. And when we do, we expect it to be accepted in good faith, in the spirit of constructive debate. However, when the situation is reversed, then it becomes an "andere sache" — another matter. Why must it be, that everytime somebody out there disagrees with the Jewish community, immediately and automatically it has to be equated with anti-Semitism. That's paranoid. Come on, now — we Jews are better than that. At least, we have been in the past. On major critical issues, inevitably and invariably there will be honest differences of opinion. Why the name calling? And what really makes me cringe is the refrain, the incessant requiem — which is becoming more popular than En Kaylohaynu — unhappily so...the mournful dirge: We Jews are all alone. The whole world is against us. We only have ourselves to depend upon. We have to fight everybody else. Everybody is our enemy.—Rabbi Jerome W. Grollman, United Hebrew Temple, St. Louis.

Obituary

Sara Feder Dies; Pioneer Women Head

JERUSALEM — Dr. Sara Feder-Keyfitz, who served as president of Pioneer Women from 1951 to 1955, died here at the age of 80.

Both she and her husband, who died a few years ago, were on the faculty of the University of Missouri, where their home was open to Jewish students at all times. After retiring, they made aliyah to Israel in 1970, where they organized the Adult Education Association which grew into an institution using retired faculty and providing courses not offered elsewhere at a minimum fee.

Obituary

Mir Yeshiva Head, Rabbi Shmulewitz

JERUSALEM — Thousands of yeshiva students, rabbis and religious leaders attended the funeral of Rabbi Haim Shmulewitz, dean of the Mir Yeshiva, who died of cancer at the age of 76. He was a leading Talmudist, and his weekly lectures in Meah Shearim attracted hundreds of students and others.

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Al Chait - We Have Sinned

Readers of The Post and Opinion have a close personal relationship to what is happening to the Falasha, the Ethiopian Jew. The account in our paper is heart-rending. These friendless Jews, abandoned by Israel and the world Jewish community, harassed by missionaries and now finally the innocent victim of internal warfare.

The reason Post and Opinion readers are involved more than other American Jews is that they provided over \$10,000 presumably to buy a tractor for the Ethiopian Jews. The tractor never was purchased because the land allotted to the Falasha by the government was on the border with Sudan, and turned out to be disputed land so that the Falasha were caught in a pincer movement between contending foes and were forced to return to the barren villages where they could not eke out a living. Thus they were prey to the missionaries who promised food, clothing and education as against the same kind of persecution that Jews have been familiar with in every land where they have been oppressed.

The tractor was never purchased but the \$10,000 was put to good use. It enabled a handful of Falasha to be smuggled into Israel.

Israel is to blame, although she is claiming innocence obviously, asserting that her hands were tied because of the turmoil in Ethiopia. The truth is that Israel sat on its hands when King Halessie ruled and later when he was deposed. If world opinion could be marshalled to persuade a great power like Russia to permit Jews to leave, how much easier would it have been to confront Ethiopia, whom incidentally, according to none other than Moshe Dayan, has been supplying with arms.

World Jewry is no less a partner in this crime.

While the World Jewish Congress was supplying the Falasha with a paltry \$20,000 a year, other agencies such as the JDC and ORT were able to evade the issue for years. Meanwhile Post and Opinion readers were sending in their checks for the funds we raised, so that American Jews and their representative bodies cannot claim ignorance. The Falasha languished. A century ago their number was a quarter of a million. Today with a fatality count in the present upheaval of at least 1000, there are only 27,000 still alive.

But past wrongs are not our concern.

The question now is what will the Jewish world do for the remaining Falasha. As of the past several years the JDC and ORT are expending perhaps \$200,000 for the Ethiopian Jews. How niggardly! The JDC budget is usually in the neighborhood of \$40 million.

We have much to repent for. This is not Yom Kippur, but we have sinned.

The Falasha are beautiful people, devoted and dedicated Jews who yearn to go to Israel.

Will we continue to ignore their pleas?

Israel Consulates In U.S. Picketed By Pro-Falasha

NEW YORK — Officials of the American Association of Ethiopian Jewry were not convinced by statements of the Israel Government and the Jewish Agency that every effort had been made to bring Ethiopian Jews to Israel.

They mounted a demonstration here by some 200 protesters in front of the Israeli consulate. The mar-

chers then moved to the Isaiah Wall of the United Nations. Picketing in Los Angeles and elsewhere is planned.

An almost simultaneous demonstration was held in Jerusalem, where the 300 Falasha who are in Israel protested the government's and the Agency's indifference to the plight of their brethren.

The EDITOR'S CHAIR

We welcome the following statement from Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, interreligious affairs director of the American Jewish Committee, who states the case of the Falasha and their desertion by their Jewish brethren sternly. We believe others also may want to say "al chait" for themselves and the Jewish community even at this late date:

FALASHAS-THE MOST FORGOTTEN JEWS
By MARC H. TANENBAUM

They call themselves "Beta Israel", the House of Israel, and according to ancient legend, their origins trace back some 3,000 years as lineal descendants of King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba. The Ethiopians call them Falashas, a term generally taken to describe the black Jews of that country. In actual fact, Falasha is a term of contempt meaning "strangers" or "living in exile". That pejorative term for the Black Jews of Ethiopia is a description of their actual condition, especially today.

Several centuries ago, there were about a half million Falashas, once proud warriors, rulers of their own Ethiopian Kingdom. Today, there are less than 28,000 Falashas left in the 490 isolated villages in the central highlands of Ethiopia. Their numbers have been decimated through slaughter resulting from Ethiopian intertribal warfare, intense conversion efforts by missionaries, and more recently their being sold into slavery. As a result of the recent revolution and civil war in Ethiopia, the Falashas have been caught in the ideological cross-fire of both right-wing and left-wing forces, resulting in hundreds of black Jews being massacred, or driven from their land, their wives and daughters raped, or sold into slavery in the Sudan.

Their poverty is beyond imagining. Denied the right to own land, they have become tenant farmers and craftsmen, who eke out

an average yearly income of \$60 per month. That compares to \$90 for other Ethiopians, and \$250 for other Africans, hardly a living wage for any human being. They have no hospitals or physicians, they suffer from disease and malnutrition, and their present life expectancy is 36 years.

Despite their tragic, even abominable, conditions, they have remained faithful Jews observing the Biblical way of life under the spiritual guidance of Kohanim, the priestly leaders. Since they have lived away from the mainstream of Jewish life for nearly a thousand years, for centuries many Rabbinic Jews found difficulty in acknowledging them as Jews — even though they observed all the Biblical rites of the Torah, including circumcision, the Jewish festivals and holy days, and the Sabbath.

But their status as Jews has been clarified, and in 1908 forty-four chief rabbis proclaimed their legitimacy as authentic Jews. The Chief Rabbis of Israel of today have also reaffirmed their status as Jews, tracing their origins to the Tribe of Dan.

In light of this understanding of their Jewish identity, some 300 Falashas have managed in recent years to find their way to Israel, the Promised Land to which they daily pray to return. These are words of their prayers from the Falasha liturgy:

"Hear our prayer, God, King of the Universe, so that the whole world can be happy with your rule. When you help your people Israel, you help all mankind. Have mercy on the city of Jerusalem. Let us enjoy your kingdom with your Chosen People in Israel."

Those prayers have not yet been responded to either by God nor by man. The Falashas are today the most forgotten Jews in the world, and the time is long past due for the Jewish community in the United States and in Israel to help rescue them from their suffering, while there are still some Falashas left alive to save.

In Reading

Problem Of Singles More Aggravated

By RABBI ALAN WEITZMAN

One of the perplexing dilemmas facing us in Reading, and I have addressed myself to this before, is the difficult plight of the singles. Presently we have 150 young people in the ages of 21 to 35.

Weitzman Most of them want to meet Jewish partners but have a great deal of difficulty with the concept of being part of a singles group. They may be willing to go to a function sponsored by our federation once or twice because they are anxious to meet people, but having done that it is almost impossible to get them to go another time because they feel they have come into contact with all the available people.

FURTHERMORE there are many singles who feel that to go to any kind of program is an admission of the fact that they do not have a steady and this is a deflating thing for their ego. Some of them think that only "losers" go to these programs, and therefore it is a waste of time, and in

their evaluation they are not doing justice to the other people, and who knows who is a winner and who is a loser.

The problem is even more complicated when you deal with widows and widowers of all ages. Their possibility of meeting someone is almost nil unless a match is arranged.

We attempted to send some of the singles from our synagogue to Philadelphia, thinking that there they would have an opportunity to be in contact with a large group. There were supposed to be 300 people at a disco party which ended up with 18, four of them from Reading. All of my young people were turned off and felt that the answer was not to plug into a group in a larger community.

IN FURTHER checking out the Philadelphia scene, I find that their singles groups are not strong and that the problem is as great there. However, living in a metropolitan area with 350,000 Jews, their opportunities are greatly increased.

This is a dilemma of great magnitude. We are faced with an increasing number of

intermarriages, which hits us especially hard in the small communities and there are very few options for people who want to date other Jews. In talking to a number of people, an answer seems to lie in something which was started in several places and that is some type of computerized dating. What I am suggesting is that a program be put together nationally, regionally, etc., whereby all the singles are contacted and that the data be computerized.

This is a mammoth job, but not an impossible one. I would begin by having this funded by some angel or angels or national Jewish organizations. The next step would be that I would go the route of contacting the rabbis in all the communities via a Watts line, and ask them to personally contact all the singles in their congregation, since the rabbi has rapport with them. Ask them to fill out the questionnaire. Thus we would set in motion a process which has to bring together more Jewish singles.

I AM 100% certain that if such a program were launched (Continued on next page)

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Talmud Gave Us The Maccabees, But Church Preserved Hanukkah

Editor, POST and OPINION:

The Jewish Post and Opinion published a letter of Y. Etzion in which he expressed the opinion that Rabbi Maurice Davis had made incorrect statements concerning Hanukkah. Y. Etzion felt that it was wrong to credit "the Church" with the preservation of "our Hanukkah Festival".

It must be admitted that Etzion is basically right. The Catholic Bible preserved Hanukkah, but the Talmud and the Jewish tradition preserved the precept of the kindling of lights, the story of the oil miracle and of the rebirth of our faith. We owe Hanukkah to our sacred Jewish tradition and not to the Christian Church.

There is only one thing which I miss in Etzion's letter, namely a certain appreciation for the Books of the Maccabees. Whether these books were preserved by the Catholic Church or not, these books are of great value for Hanukkah. Y. Etzion admits that they have some value by giving us "additional historical sources". That is the understatement of the year.

Although the Talmud preserved Hanukkah, it does

not give us the story of the Maccabees. We have to read the Books of the Maccabees in order to learn about the old Mattathias, the God-intoxicated priest who resisted the pagans and who was more faithful than the disloyal high priest. In these books we find the reports about Judas Maccabee, the pious hero who defeated the Greek pagans and rededicated the Holy Temple and who gave his life for his faith and his people. We can read about Jonathan, the fox, who finally won freedom and independence and about Simon, the statesman of the second Jewish commonwealth.

Mr. Etzion is right when he states that the Jewish tradition preserved Hanukkah, but it should be added that the Books of the Maccabees are of great value at Hanukkah-time because Hanukkah is incomplete without the Maccabees, those heroes and servants of God who defended our religion against pagan Greeks and Jewish traitors and who rekindled the flame of our Torah and of our faith.

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Minneapolis Stadium A White Elephant

Editor, POST and OPINION:

I find it most disappointing that Harvey Rosen elected to jump into the "stadium controversy" (P-O, Jan. 5) here in Minnesota.

The fact that Max Winter may or may not be a latter day Horatio Alger is not one of the salient arguments for or against the stadium. If Rosen had taken the time to look at the arguments published by opponents to the stadium, he would not have seen statements to the effect that Winter was "establishing a shrine to himself". Rather, he would have seen:

1. that the private business of building and operating a stadium is currently in part being paid by a public tax on liquor (the arrogance to think that all drinkers would not object to dipping into their pockets for our dear Vikings!).

2. that the stadium architecturally will dominate the not-so-big downtown area of Minneapolis,

3. that the stadium would be built immediately adjacent to hospitals (proponents claim that patients would not be disturbed by several tens-of-

thousands of screaming Viking fans),

4. that there currently is not enough downtown parking, let alone enough for thousands more,

5. that Minnesota is in an energy crunch, and that adding a domed stadium will not help matters any,

6. that the stadium would in no way be financially solvent without public taxes,

7. that the powers that be will not have a state referendum because the stadium would not pass.

So what do we have?

A gigantic white elephant that will make contractors and some downtown businessmen happy. The public will be able to watch the Vikings "romp under those climate-controlled conditions", and also have the privilege of paying for both the tickets and red-bookkeeping. Rosen's article, suggesting that Mr. Winter's "immigrant's dream" would be tarnished were the team moved to L.A., is so much bunk. Private enterprise, be it computers or sports, should stand by its own merits. Or fall.

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Reform Is An Experiment Which Failed

Editor, POST and OPINION:

Maurice Schapiro's letter of Jan. 5 calls for a reply because it sharply distorts what I have written. Why must Schapiro attribute to me quotes I have never written? Perhaps he is unable to refute the very serious charges I have leveled against the phenomenon of institutionalized Torah non-observance known euphemistically as "Reform Judaism."

His opening sentence is simply not true: "...Dov Fisch charges that Elizabeth Taylor, Maurice Eisendrath, and a few million others are not Jews but charlatans..." That is a cheap distortion of my words. I never said Eisendrath was not Jewish. I said that he (as Isaac Mayer Wise before him) was a disaster to his people, a bitter opponent of Zionism during its crucial decades of gestation, and a proponent of Torah non-observance. But he was certainly a Jew. On the other hand, he was no rabbi. Neither he nor other Reform clergypersons has the right to legislate Jewish law or to convert Elizabeth Taylor-Burton-Warners to Judaism. But that doesn't mean his Jewishness is in question. There are lots of Jews who are not rabbis.

It is not, as Schapiro argues, halachic Judaism which lives in the past but "Reform." "Reform" grew out of a period of social chaos and unrest in the early 1800's.

Chavurot Successful At Temple Emanu-El

Editor, POST and OPINION:

My experience at Temple Emanu-El of Westfield, N.J., with the Chavurah Movement is completely different from that suggested by Mr. Karsh in his article in your Dec. 29 issue. Nearly 20% of our congregation currently participates in 14 Chavurot.

First, we have found that the membership of the Chavurot does not consist of a "large and disproportionate" number of newcomers, but rather a large percentage of long-time members participate. Chavurah opens up new opportunities for Jewish experience and friendship for them.

Second, the Chavurah program at Temple Emanu-El has clearly encouraged Jewish experiences. The programs are significantly Jewish, which strengthen their relationship to our synagogue and encourage attendance at Services and other programs.

We have found that the Chavurot have done precisely what Mr. Karsh says they have not done.

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German reactionaries and romanticists questioned whether Jews could really be their countrymen, so some Jews gave way to panic and christologized their religion in order to prove their worthiness as Germans. Out went G-d, and in came the organ. Just like German Christianity. Out went the love of Zion and Jerusalem which had burned so strongly in the Jewish breast through 17 centuries of exile.

Holdheim and Hirsch advocated moving Shabbat to Sunday — a "progressive" idea which would parallel German Christianity. The Frankfurt "Reformers" sought to compromise circumcision. Hebrew — a dead and un-German language with no meaning for the "Reformers" who abandoned the yearning for a return to Zion — was sent out of the "Reform" temples of Germany with the morning's garbage. The Torah had defined them as Jews and members of the Jewish people. Their "prophetic vision" told them they could defy the halacha and gain acceptance as full Germans, instead. Vision.

Let's face it. "Reform" is an experiment which failed. It is stale and hollow. It is a desperate organism (pun intended) trying to keep in step with the growing tide back to halachic observance. Schapiro portrays halachic observance as a phenomenon of 12th century Cairo. I tell him that he is living in the past if he cannot see what is happening today. Does he think young people are flocking to places like the great Temple Emanuel of New York? It is a museum of the past. Its organs are a relic of 1830 Germany. Its Hebrew Tabernacle Choir turns off people in tune with the 1980's. Its 18th century interpretation of Jewish and world history is tragicomic to Jews who have been raised a generation after Hitler. Its stale "Kaddish

Editor's Hebrew Very Delinquent

Editor, POST and OPINION:

Your lead article in the Jan. 5 issue concerning the day school issue in Indianapolis contains a serious inaccuracy. Rabbi Gray is cited as comparing opponents of the day school subsidy to Evyonim or Greeks of the Hanukkah era.

Your reporter or proofreader obviously means "Yivonim" — Hebrew for Greeks. "Evyonim" means "poor people" a term not usually applied to the leadership of federations.

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Editor's note: The reporter was me. My Hebrew is a product of the Jewish education system in Louisville, KY in the 1920's.

Judaism" does not appeal to young people who want a religion to live by. They want to hear the authentic word of G-d, not just a sonorous exposition of liberal Protestant thought uttered by some person in black robes.

Of course, Maurice Schapiro is not one iota less a Jew than I. And the "few million others" who are not yet observant are also Jews. All Jews — whatever their beliefs — are precious members of the Jewish people. Let no one ever say that I think otherwise. That is why I write letters like this. I want to share authentic Judaism with those of my people who have lost touch with their heritage — just as Alex Schindler wants to share his brand of theology with unchurched Christians. I agree with Schindler. I think it is good to teach Christians to pray in English, to watch TV on Saturday, to walk without yarmulkes, and to do all those other things which are so much a part of contemporary "Reform" practice. I likewise think it is good to teach Jews about their heritage and their Torah.

Let's stop playing games with ourselves. We're grown-ups. Judaism in its true and unadulterated form is difficult and demanding. But, for four millenia, it has been the path of G-d's Chosen People. The Torah is our eternal constitution, G-d's bond with us. Whether individual Jews wish to observe our eternal covenant with G-d is a matter we must each decide for ourselves within the precious and inviolable confines of our own consciences. But no Jew — whether he is Jesus of Nazareth, Shabtai Tzvi, Abe Geiger, or Alex Schindler — has the right to legislate the public abrogation of our halachic covenant. That covenant, a beautiful and harmonious structure of 613 mitzvot geared to produce a moral and ethical nation, lives today in all its vitality and dynamism.

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(Continued from previous page) ched, there would be results. Failure is in not trying. The money is an investment in the future of the American Jewish community. It is counterproductive to beat our breasts and generate intensive heat over those rabbis who officiate at intermarriages. It would be productive if we began to bring together more singles and provide more opportunities for people to interact with each other. It is imperative that this be done immediately.

Israel As I See It

Evidence Of Thawing Of Relations With Russia

By SAMSON KRUPNICK

Knowledgeable experts in international diplomacy have often expressed surprise at Israel's tendency to concentrate its attention almost exclusively upon its relations with the United States. Under-



Krupnick standably Israel is greatly dependent upon the United States for military, economic and political assistance, particularly at the U. N. where it is constantly subject to harassment, and is therefore preoccupied with Israel-American day to day contacts.

There are those who contend that Israel is probably oversensitive to varying nuances in official U. S. statements and in reactions

of every sort from whatever source no matter how trivial. This has been particularly true in the past year when peace negotiations were centered around Washington as the focal point of initiatives, decisions, intercessions, and interference. Yet the feeling among experienced statesmen is that Israel has neglected the fostering and the developing of valuable connections with nations, those important today and those potentially important, and even those not necessarily friendly to Israel's viewpoints.

THE MASSIVE BREAK in diplomatic relations with the African and the Communist countries after the Six Day War of June 1967 left Israel suddenly cut off from huge sectors of the world community. The shock of the complete abandonment by so

many "friends" who had received aid and guidance from Israel for many years was apparently the prime reason for Israel's subsequent self-isolation. However, little by little, Israel has emerged cautiously and certain African states have resumed economic relations even without the accompanying political recognition.

Rumania had remained the only Communist country to maintain political relations with Israel and those relations have been very carefully cultivated. Rumanian Chief Rabbi Moshe Rosen, a frequent visitor to Israel as well as to the other Communist countries, on a recent trip to Israel related in some detail his approach to continuing good and successful ties between the Jewish community of Rumania and its Government and urged the adoption of positive attitudes in dealing with Communist regimes. He found avenues of opportunity in virtually every one of the Warsaw Pact nations, the most obdurate at

the moment being, strangely enough, Czechoslovakia.

THERE HAVE BEEN numerous important feelers put out by the Soviet Union for dialogues with Israel prior to and since the Yigal Allon-Gromyko meeting in October, 1975. There have been notable revisions in the Soviet attitude towards Israel and on occasions expressions of interest for closer contact, evidenced by liberalizations from time to time of emigration policies for Jews in the Soviet Union. Israel's U.N. Ambassador Haim Herzog reports numerous direct contacts with the Soviet ambassador and other top level Soviet officials at the U. N. during his term of office just concluded.

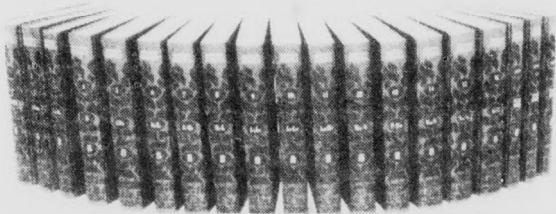
The most recent approach by the Soviets was the invitation issued to a delegation of Israeli members of the Knesset to make an official visit to the Soviet Union. With the Israel Government's approval the delegation visited and returned to Israel duly impressed by a Soviet desire to improve

its relationship with Israel. I discussed with M. K. Avraham Melamed (NRP) his ten-day visit to the Soviet Union as a member of the six-man delegation. He had been approached early in June to make the trip being assured in advance of kosher food, prayer facilities, Sabbath observance arrangements, etc. Upon encouragement by the Government of Israel, he joined the group. The delegation was given free reign to travel anywhere, to speak to anyone, to visit places of their choice — with no limitations or obligations.

M. K. MELAMED related his soul-searing tour of Kovno, his birthplace, Vilno, Bialostok, and Slobotka, the former great centers of Jewish learning. He told of discussions with "dissidents", and of his meetings at the homes of numerous "baale-tshuva", returnees to Jewish tradition. He was convinced that the visit helped both the cause of Jews in the Soviet Union and fostered improved relations between Israel and the Soviet Union. This is not to imply that the Soviets are necessarily changing basic policy nor that they are re-establishing official diplomatic relations, but it does mean a thawing of the frigid hostile atmosphere, too long prevalent between Israel and one of the super-powers of the world.

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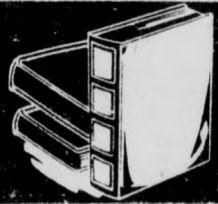
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THE BOOK POST

By MARTIN PANZER

SHOLOM ALEICHEM, by Noah Golinkin. Hebrew Publishing Co. Paperbound. \$2.98.



The use and abuse of words has an intriguing effect on society. This profound thought came to me when I picked up Golinkin's book expecting to read some stories by or a story about the original author of *Fiddler On The Roof*. It came to me at once that if someone had SAID Sholom Aleichem to me I would have had an entirely different reaction. Well, hello, or peace be with you, or start playing your violin — whatever. This is a book to make you happy, especially if you have neglected (Jewishly, Yiddishly, or religiously) children in your home.

It is the most attractive, the most appetizing, perhaps even the most effective effort I have seen in many years to teach the reader to learn the Hebrew alphabet and read the Hebrew prayers in practically no time at all. Clearly and attractively printed and illustrated, impeccably organized, and intelligently assembled, it can have no effect other than to induce you — if you do not already know how to read Hebrew — to sit down with it immediately and starting the learning process. Unfortunately, it won't help you to *understand* what you are reading, but how on earth will you ever get to that point without first learning how to read?

There is an additional psychological benefit: Through many generations in the diaspora Jews have found joy in learning to read, and

then intone the Hebrew prayers, even when they knew only by osmosis what they were saying to their Lord God, King of the Universe, hallowed be His name. And through the same generations myriad Jews have been inspired, after learning to read Hebrew, to make dedicated efforts to understand it as well. This author's book is, through its title, the genesis of a new meaning for the words **SHOLOM ALEICHEM**: "Welcome. Welcome to the language of our forefathers." **SPRING REMEMBERED**. A Scottish Jewish Childhood, by Evelyn Cowan. Taplinger. 160 pp. \$8.50.

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But how did Evelyn become Cowan? Very simply. Her father's name had been Zeldon. You still don't understand? Are you one of

the lucky ones whose paternal forebears came to Castle Garden and were able to retain their real names? Or did your antecedents accept the names given them by immigration officials, as did Evelyn's father, who was told, when he didn't understand the official, "Och, what's the odds? Let's call you Cohen like the rest of them." From Cohen to Cowan is not such a grand leap. To her mother, it seemed more "Scotified".

A truly delightful tale.

DISRAELI AND HIS WORLD, by Christopher Hibbert. Scribners. Illustrated. 128 pp. \$10.95.

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Rabbi Malcolm H. Stern is the compiler of **FIRST AMERICAN JEWISH FAMILIES: 600 GENEALOGIES, 1654-1977**, an update of his 1960 volume entitled **AMERICANS OF JEWISH DESCENT**. His new book is published by KTAV at \$75. It traces the family trees of families known to have settled in North America before 1840 and traced to the present generation. Rabbi Stern has been since 1964 the international director of rabbinic placement for Reform Judaism.

The Jewish Publication Society has published **STRANGERS WITHIN THE GATE CITY**, The Jews of Atlanta 1845-1915, by Dr. Stephen Hertzberg (\$12). The author's aim is to fill a historical gap in the annals of the Jews of the southern part of the United States through an exhaustive study of a representative section of the area in Atlanta. His work provides a source of information for historians, history students, and history buffs; it covers a wide spectrum of social and quantitative data which is clearly the result of meticulous and painstaking research.

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Chicken Chow Mein

By MARTIN MOSKOVITZ

One good reason for the resumption of diplomatic relations with Mainland China, according to what I read, is China's desire to modernize. And of course, the United States is in a good position to aid China in her quest for "westernization".



Moskovitz again.

For one thing, there's our vast industrial and scientific technology. As for our cultural capabilities, there's the great revelation of Western civilization, the soap opera. But here's a ticklish area. After a few episodes, the Chinese might decide to sever relations

again. There are some other questionable aspects. It remains to be seen how the Chinese will react to laundromats. All in all, China will definitely have a lot to gain from this alliance. Barry Goldwater notwithstanding, we may even show the Chinese how to make chicken chow mein.

at \$9.95, Arthur I. Waskow, the jolly-looking member of the National Board of Breira, and also of the Farbrangen in Washington, as well as of the Coalition of Alternatives in Jewish Education, offers a book entitled **GOD-WRESTLING**. He gleams his title from the story of Jacob and Esau, "which starts with their wrestling each other in their mother's womb and culminates with Jacob's

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What Foods These Morsels Be

Mushroom Recipes
Fit In Everywhere

By SARAH LIEBER

Fresh mushrooms are a favorite vegetable in many kitchens. They can "dress-up" a simple dish or be used as the mainstay for a vegetable dinner. They are fine in soups, casseroles, stews and egg dishes.

They are delightful broiled or raw, as garnishes or appetizers. And what can equal traditional mushroom-barley soup for a hearty lunch or dinner?

MUSHROOM-BARLEY SOUP

2 pounds beef flanken, short ribs, or shin
3 knuckle or marrow bones
2 tsps salt
2½ quarts water
2 onions, peeled, left whole
2 carrots, pared, diced
½ pound fresh mushrooms
¾ cup barley (medium or fine)
pepper to taste

In large soup pot place bones and meat. Add salt and water. Bring to boil, skim well. Add onions and barley. Simmer over low heat 1½ hours. Skim again. Add celery and carrots and cook until tender. Add mushrooms for last half hour of cooking. Test meat for softness. Add pepper as needed. Garnish with chopped parsley if desired. Serve piping hot. Tomato juice may be used as part of liquid.

Serves 6

RICH MUSHROOM/
SOUR CREAM SOUP

½ pound fresh mushrooms, chopped
½ cup finely chopped onion
4 tbsps butter or margarine
1 cup diced potato
salt and pepper to taste
pinch cloves
¼ tsp dried thyme
2 cups milk
2 egg yolks, beaten
2 cups sour cream
finely chopped parsley
¼ cup white wine, optional

Saute mushrooms and onion in butter over low heat 6 minutes or until mushrooms are tender, but not fried. Add diced potatoes and cook over low heat until tender. Add milk; heat thoroughly but do not boil. Add seasonings. Remove from heat. Beat egg yolks into sour cream, and very gradually stir into cream soup. If desired add wine. Pour into soup bowls or tureen and garnish with chopped parsley. Serve hot.

Serves 6.

MUSHROOM SOUFFLE

3 tbsps butter or margarine
3 tbsps flour
½ pound fresh mushrooms, washed, chopped or sliced
1 cup milk
salt, pepper and nutmeg to taste
½ cup grated cheddar type cheese
4 eggs, separated

Melt butter in medium saucepan. Blend in flour and stir over low heat until thickened and free of lumps, about 3 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in milk. Over low heat, stir until mixture comes to a boil and thickens. Remove from heat and stir in seasonings, along with grated cheese. Beat in egg yolks, carefully and gradually to prevent curdling. Add mushrooms. In small bowl beat egg whites until stiff peaks form. Fold into mixture. Pour into greased 1-quart souffle dish (straight sided, oven proof). Bake at 375 degrees 30 minutes or until a cake tester comes out clean when inserted in center. Sprinkle with chopped parsley or chives if desired. Serve at once.

Serves 6

MUSHROOM PIROSHKES
(appetizer pastries)

1 cup sifted all-purpose flour
½ cup butter or margarine
¼ cup sour cream

Measure flour into small bowl. Cut in butter with pastry blender or two knives until mixture resembles coarse meal. Stir in sour cream. Mix until a ball of dough is formed. Roll out dough on cornstarch coated pastry board or cloth. Cut into 4-inch rounds. Place filling in center of each circle. Fold up edges to form small triangles. Seal edges with a fork pressed firmly around edges. Place on ungreased baking sheets and bake at 375 degrees 15 to 20 minutes until pastry is golden brown. Serve hot.

Makes about 10 pastries.

MUSHROOM FILLING
(Duxelles)

2 tbsps butter or margarine
½ cup finely chopped onion
½ clove garlic, pressed, optional
1 cup chopped fresh mushrooms
¼ tsp salt, pepper and nutmeg
1 bay leaf
¼ cup wine, optional

Melt butter in large fry pan. Saute onion, garlic and mushrooms, and bay leaf for about 5 minutes. Add seasonings and wine. Remove bay leaf. Fill pastry circles as directed above.

Dr. Rose N. Franzblau

Parents' Deaths Never Overcome

QUESTION

I am married 25 years and have two wonderful children, both of whom are happily married. They have no children as yet.

When I was in my middle teens, the death of my dear father was an unusually traumatic experience for me. I didn't speak about him for years, and even then it was very difficult. When I got married, my husband was of great comfort to me and made it easier for me to talk about it, sometimes.

NOW, a short time ago, I lost my mother, and even though I am a mature and very stable person, I found it equally difficult to talk about her. I avoid any mention of my mother even from my husband.

I was present with both during their last moments. During my mother's illness I did everything for her and was with her almost constantly. While my father was ill, I helped my mother a great deal, and whenever she went out I stayed with him.

I, too, am in pain now, off and on. I'm going through my menopause.

I know this feeling and attitude is wrong, and it troubles me greatly.

ANSWER

Continuing to mourn and think of the departed all the time, is a way of keeping the loved one present and alive, even if only in the mourner's mind and heart.

Sorrow also assuages some of the guilt that is present in every survivor. They may have done everything possible for the loved one, but inevitably, they have some negative thoughts and feelings when they are worn out and tired, and wonder how long this will go on.

Later, such thoughts evoke guilt, as if they really wanted the loved one to depart, to make life easier for them and permit them to return to a normal way of living.

EVEN THOUGH you loved your father very much, having to help your mother care for him took up time and energy after school, and must have been seen sometimes as an imposition.

When you got married and went off on your own, you must have felt guilty, at times, for leaving your mother all alone. But certainly it brought great joy to your mother to have two such wonderful grandchildren who are now so well-established. She probably felt that making her a grandmother was the greatest gift that you could have given her. Too, being surrounded by a large

family gave her a feeling of security. She knew she would be taken care of should the time or need ever arise.

When your mother became ill, you did for her, all alone, what the two of you had done for your father. Being older, and having your own home and family, this may again have been felt, deep down, to be an intrusion on your life. But in spite of these occasional feelings, you were a good daughter and were with her all the time until the end.

THE HARDEST THING to take, however, was being present and watching both parents die. It is one of the greatest emotional shocks to a person to watch life depart and death arrive. Not bringing up your mother's or father's name is a way of keeping death away from your door.

The menopause is only a physiological change. The sex life of a couple can continue and often becomes even more frequent and satisfying than before because there is no need to use contraceptives

or worry about becoming pregnant.

But some women cling to the old fashioned version that menopause, which puts an end to child-bearing creativity, is also the beginning of the end of life. They use it to get special attention from their mate. As long as their husband still wants and desires them sexually their life will go on.

PERHAPS you do not want to discuss the death of either of your parents because you are afraid of making some slip of the tongue and voicing some of the resentment that may have been there toward the end. But you have been a very good daughter, and that is why you were also a good mother and able to raise two wonderful children. Examining what caused an attitude like yours, which you admit is wrong, could correct the error.

From now on you should reward yourself by spending more time with your husband and having a good time together both in outside activities and in your own intimate love life.

Just Between Us

Supermom

By HELEN MINTZ

Eat your heart out! I never told you what I received for



Hanukkah. For the person who has everything, would you believe a red cape from the kids and a kryptonite rock from my sweet husband?

Helen I admit I love clothes and jewels, but this is ridiculous! I look like Superwoman. Where exactly did they plan on my wearing these items? How often am I called upon to fight for law and order and the American way? True, I do it "en famille", but never out of the house.

WHEN I ASKED them "Why?" they said they felt the gifts were justified. I fit the requirements. Maybe they were right. How many mothers do you know who work for a newspaper, never ask for a raise, can type with all ten fingers and is an old-fashioned square? How many mothers do you know who like to fly, say please and thank you all the time and are very "at home" on the telephone?

If they are right, from now on, I won't answer to any other name except Supermom. (Personally, I felt that's what I was all these years, but who's to brag!)

There is just one fly in the ointment before I don the bright blue long johns and complete my image. One can't hide one's figure forever under a red cape. I can't even hide it under a towel. Supermom has to get her act together (not to mention the flab) and package herself into the credibility stage.

A few pushups, a little jogging, some aerobic dancing...all those boring things that people who look great do with regularity. Perhaps, with luck, I could sport my new outfit by Mother's Day. If I shape up, they did promise me the shiny red boots and my neat belt by then.

WHO KNOWS? "Just Between Us" might become an overnight immediate sensation. Instead of a weekly column, I might have my own action comic book. That would be nice. So would a three-times-weekly radio show, a theatrical cartoon series, a best-selling novel, a feature film, a TV series and a Broadway musical. The possibilities are endless.

If you think diamonds are a girl's best friend, I suggest you look into a rock of kryptonite. Hanukkah could be the start of something big. Never, and I mean never, underestimate the power of a Superwoman!

Arabs Dominant Force In Georgia

By ARLENE PECK

Last evening I had occasion to have dinner with an economic advisor, and folks I don't want to sound like an alarmist, but it's getting scary.



Peck

Our conversation drifted toward Arab Petrodollars that are invading the U. S. market and specifically the Atlanta area. Quietly, they have bought large tracts of land in South Georgia and other established real estate. Not so quietly, they have in the recent past bought a substantial interest in the National Bank of Georgia, one of Atlanta's largest banks. The Arabs now own the posh Atlanta Hilton.

THE SIGNS are there, indications that in a short time the controlling interest of the banks and hotels will be the least of our worries. If not in process already, how long will it be until they own our newspapers and television stations? A mayvin I'm not, but it just seems logical to me that their next step in the Arabs common quest to destroy the "Zionist" is to give themselves the

favorable public relations that they now need.

Even at this writing, their PR seems pretty good to me. Since October in 1973, that fateful month when the Arab nations burst from the poverty and ashes like the Phoenix from the Egyptian mythology, they have gripped our nation in a vise of power from which I don't see an extrication. Their timing was terrific. We had just emerged from a draining war of Vietnam and our then president, Richard Nixon was completely caught up in his Watergate swamp. They hit the American public before we had time to realize what was happening. OPEC hit the news, big! Everyone began to get annoyed, not with the Arabs, but that mythical organization OPEC. And, later, the bumperstickers began to appear that said, "Oil yes! Israel No!"

SINCE THAT FATEFUL month for our nation in 1973, I noticed that when the press writes, or speaks of the rampant inflation gripping the nation the source of this economic upheaval, the Arabian Shieks are rarely mentioned. What I find so alarming is not only the amount of property and investments that the Arabs are

acquiring in my state and country but the fact that it is being done under a veil of secrecy.

Senator Daniel K. Inouye of Hawaii has introduced the Foreign Investment Disclosure Act which would require disclosure of any investment of five percent or more in a publicly traded company. The Securities and Exchange Commission has established rules and guidelines that investors must disclose the extent of holdings and the identity at five percent ownership of a corporation's stock. The governments of Saudi Arabia and Kuwait manage to stay just below this figure in a multitude of these investments. By doing this they avoid the political discomfort and resulting publicity that might make the American public realize what is really happening. However, in the case of my own hometown's National Bank of Georgia, they now own something like 60 percent.

BY SEPTEMBER 1976 the Arab nations had invested \$25.5 billion in U. S. real estate, corporate stock and government securities. Today that figure is probably a drop in the bucket, and, this is only the amount that we know about. Unknown is the hidden mammoth amounts that come under that elusive five percent that isn't recorded for the American public.

Frankly, I worry when a "yankee" makes a purchase of our prime Georgia real estate, but my G-d, an Arab takeover! They have depressed our own economy so deeply that Americans don't have the funds to purchase property. They have also managed to push up the price of our own local real estate. And, if this is happening in Georgia, we cannot be an isolated case. Of those purchases we know about, "In the first 10 months of 1976, the Arabs had purchased almost 66 percent of the total \$2.5 billion in net purchases by all foreigners."

ALONG WITH this web in which we now find ourselves emmeshed is being in the frightening position of being the arms supplier of the world. It's a vicious cycle in which America feeds the appetite for the Arabs' desire for our sophisticated weapons. These are in turn paid for by our money that the Shieks have acquired from our purchase of oil. And, against whom does Carter and his Georgia advisors think these so-called "moderate" nations will use these weapons? What happens when these undemocratic nations who supposedly are our friends, aren't anymore? In Iran, the handwriting is on the wall.

We have armed the

visiting with rhoda hauptman



Although a couple of weeks have passed, no one who arrived at Chicago's O'Hare airport will soon forget what the place was like after the New Year's week end. Our plane was already five or six hours late from Los Angeles. When we finally put down on the field, our pilot told us that it would be some time before an arrival gate would be available.

I don't know how much the cold and snow was responsible for this foul up. I only know that by this time our arrival had taken on the quality of a dream. It was as though we'd been running and running and we'd never gotten anywhere. Our son and his wife and children had already missed their connections to Toronto and when we learned that the plane on which we travelled was scheduled, in some dim and distant time, to take off for Montreal, we were delighted. Montreal is even closer in miles to Ottawa, where the younger Hauptmans live, than is Toronto. It didn't matter to them that their luggage was routed to Toronto. By that time, they really did not care about their clothes. As a matter of fact, at this writing, we have not learned if they got their suitcases eventually.

ONCE PHILIP AND HIS FAMILY were back on the plane, Herbert and I emerged into the Bedlam that was the World's Busiest Airport. All I can say is that that designation is not an exaggeration. We descended into the baggage claim area to pick up our five bags. Ha! Even a blood hound would have crawled whimpering into a corner and given up.

All across the floor were piled suitcases, thousands and thousands of them. To add to the confusion, there was absolutely no way to simplify finding your own, because it really did not matter on what flight you had arrived or on what airline you had travelled. All of the bags were piled together helter-skelter.

We looked. Heaven knows how hard we searched but we could not locate even one piece of our luggage. We clutched our baggage checks as though they were our Keys to the Kingdom, but we noticed that lots of people grabbed bags and left because there was no one to check your stubs, if, indeed you had any, against the tags on the bags you were carting away.

AS SOON AS YOU ARE THREATENED with the loss of a suitcase, its contents become so valuable that you despair of ever replacing anything. Even if the airlines would reimburse you adequately, which, naturally, you doubt.

Herbert rarely displays his hot Hungarian temper (no ethnic slurs intended) but this time was an exception. As his voice and his color began to rise, I proved my credentials as a candidate for the Nobel Peace Prize. I suggested that we quit the search and go upstairs for a cup of coffee. This was a battle in and of itself.

We ultimately returned to the field refreshed, and we found all of our bags.

Well, good, but not perfect because there was no way to get out of the airport: no taxis; no limousine or livery service; no cars we could rent. There were even no rooms at the nearby motels where we could spend the night. We finally decided to sit down like two people our age ought to, and wait until morning. It was already 3 a.m.

And then our luck changed. A sky cap, a black man who worked for TWA passed us. He smiled and almost absently, I asked him, "Isn't there any limousine service from here to the University of Chicago?"

"Not tonight", he replied. "Do you folks live there?" We told him we were Hyde Parkers and it seemed that he was, too. In fact, he lived quite near to us. "When are you going home?" I asked, and he said that with all of the excitement, he hadn't the slightest notion when they would let him leave.

Half an hour later, he was back. He'd been relieved. He took our bags, drove us home, deposited our luggage into the elevator of our apartment building and Herbert had to battle with him to take what any taxi driver would have charged us. He said that all Hyde Parkers were special to him.

Now, do you wonder why we stay in Hyde Park? Where else do you find people like our saviour, the Sky Cap?

besieged Shah to the teeth with advanced planes and weapons: weapons that will inevitably fall into the hands of Iranians that are now more anti-Israel than ever.

Not only that, but, we have trained them, along with many of these other "Arab friends" in how to use and repair these same planes and weapons.

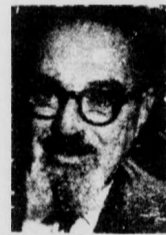
Bible Byways

Milk And Honey

Portion of the Week: Shemot, Exodus 1.1 — 6.1. The verse discussed is 3.8.

By L. I. RABINOWITZ

On no less than 19 occasions is the Land of Israel referred to in the Bible as "a land flowing with milk and honey", 15 of them occurring in the Pentateuch, the first of which is in this week's portion, (3.8), where in the vision of the Burning Bush Moses is promised that God will bring the Children of Israel out of the bondage of Egypt to a "broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey."



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IN COMMON parlance the word honey is associated with bee honey, but on only one occasion in the whole Bible does it refer to this. In Judges 14.8 there is mentioned, with regard to Samson, "the carcass of a lion, and behold there was a swarm of bees and honey in the carcass of the lion".

In point of fact the permissibility of eating bee honey raises a certain difficulty. The bee is an insect, and not only are all insects regarded as ritually un-

clean, but in addition there is the general rule that "all products of the unclean are equally unclean" which should render bee honey forbidden. The Talmud, however, makes an exception with regard to bee honey on the grounds that the bee does not produce it but merely sucks it from flowers and discharges it through the mouth (Bekh. 7b) and makes it clear that this permission applies only to bee honey but not to that of locusts or hornets.

WHAT THEN is the devash, the honey, of the Bible? The rabbis are so certain that it refers to date honey that in the enumeration in Deuteronomy 8.8 of the seven agricultural products which they call "the glory of the Land of Israel", wheat, barley, figs, grapes, pomegranates and olives, the last is devash. But the rabbis unhesitatingly identify it with dates, although the word for the date palm, tamar, is widely used in the Bible.

Despite that positive identification there is no doubt that semantically the word devash refers to the juice or essence which exudes from any fruit, and in view of the explanation given for the permissibility of bee honey, it is included in this generic name.



INVESTING

By LOUIS EHRENKRANTZ

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FACING 1979

First, old business: Federal Express, which was highlighted here four weeks ago, has moved to the New York Stock Exchange from the over-the-counter market.

Western Publishing, discussed here five weeks ago, has been the subject of a merger substantially above the current market price of 19.



Now, new business: It is my firm belief that the conventional definitions of "bull" or "bear" market have to be disregarded for a number of reasons. It isn't that markets no longer move up and down (they do), but the nature of the movement has changed. Just as Ehrenkrantz everything else in our lives has speeded up, so has our stock market.

THE TIME SPAN for conventional bull and bear markets has been quickened so that by the time one can call a declining market a "bear market", it has already run its course. Where a bear market used to last from anywhere between 16 and 24 months, the corresponding decline in securities prices often take four to eleven weeks to run their course. Thus, one almost has to anticipate declines while the market is still in the ascendancy if one is to take advantage of a bear market on the short side.

We will attempt to highlight only those issues that are able to show earnings gains even in a recessionary atmosphere.

The first stock we want to own in 1979 is Triangle Pacific on the New York Stock Exchange. The company is a leading beneficiary of the trend toward home refurbishing and home improvement expenditure. Although the industry is quite fragmented, Triangle Pacific is making a bid to become a national leader by expanding its dealer network in the bathroom vanity, kitchen cabinet, and hardwood floor markets.

THE STOCK HAS DROPPED sharply from 24 $\frac{3}{4}$, and yet revenues for 1978 approached \$255 million and earnings per share will probably come out to \$3.00 a share. To give one an idea of just how recession-resistant TPC may be, note that the Home Products Group contributed about 90% of the third quarter's earnings, and that Group enjoyed a 44% increase in revenues during a period in which housing starts had declined from the previous year.

Earnings for the nine months ending September 30, 1978 rose to \$2.26 from \$1.53 and sales increased to \$190 million, up from \$152.9 million. Dividends have recently been increased to 72 cents from 60 cents annually. With the positive demographics in the 25 to 40 year age group, we estimate 1979 earnings at \$3.60 a share. This warrants, in our opinion, a multiple of seven in a bear market and at least 9 in a better atmosphere. The current price earnings ratio is at 5.3 and we feel that this figure will expand. With new home purchases declining, we see Triangle on the way up.

Kuwait U. Deal Not Barring Jews

DALLAS — The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School here has assured the Anti-Defamation League that its arrangement with the University of Kuwait would be terminated if a consultant was rejected because he or she was Jewish. A sen-

tence in the agreement worried the ADL, according to The Jewish Herald-Voice here. It stated that "All consultants of the Board shall be appraised by the University of the laws and customs of Kuwait before entering upon their duties under this Agreement."

Jewish 'Obsequiousness' Is Laid To Organizations

SOUTH ORANGE, N.J. — Harsh words were meted out to two national Jewish organizations and the B'nai B'rith lodges in Union County for "Jewish Obsequiousness to holders of powers."

What aroused Rosalie Fisher, chairman of the Israel Affairs committee of Oheb Shalom Congregation here, was the mailgram sent to President Carter by the American Red Magen David for Israel which "effused gratitude and heaped praise on Carter for his great service to the Jewish People and to Israel." She wrote in the

congregation's bulletin that "it arrived shortly after Carter's assertion that Jerusalem is occupied Arab land and must be returned to Arab suzerainty".

HER OTHER JIBE was aimed at the Women's League for Conservative Judaism, whose convention she said she attended and who passed a resolution extolling the UN "shortly after the UN voted to establish a Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinians and to allocate \$1 $\frac{1}{2}$ million to promote the cause of Yassir

Protest In France As Shul Destroyed

PARIS — After attending a religious service at the site of the Drancy synagogue which was destroyed by arsonists, some 2000 Jews marched through the Paris suburb in a peaceful demonstration. Drancy's Communist mayor participated in the march.

It was at Drancy that Jews were interned by the Nazis before being sent to concentration camps.

Saturday Opening Dispute Flares Up

BALTIMORE — A poll commissioned by the Baltimore Jewish Times showed only a few more favored opening of the new Jewish Community Center on the Sabbath as against those opposed. The poll's results were 28 per cent for, 22 against, 14 undecided and the remaining 36 per cent unaware of the controversy.

The newest development was the decision of the Center's board of directors to modify an earlier decision which tabled any action. The board now wants to open the outdoor recreation park of the Center for Saturday afternoons. Though this was considered a compromise, but not to the Orthodox forces, they were busily engaged in contacting members of the executive committee of the Associated Jewish Charities who must ratify the action of the Center board.

Jackson, Vanik Split On Bill

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The fact that 30,000 Jews were permitted to emigrate from the Soviet Union last year has split the co-authors of the Jackson-Vanik Bill which tied most favored trade nation trade concessions to the number of Jews who were given visas by the USSR.

Vanik told reporters he thought that Congress would now be willing to extend the trade concessions to Russia, while Henry Jackson was adamant as ever.

The Jewish position has not changed in support of Jackson-Vanik.

Arafat and the PLO i.e. to destroy Israel".

As for the B'nai B'rith, she aimed her criticism at their plan to "mark the anniversary of Sadat's 1977 visit to Jerusalem and to invite among others, an Egyptian politician who has served in various ministries since the time of Nasser.... This announcement arrived shortly after Egypt had demanded concessions from Israel... which go far beyond anything Israel agreed to in the Camp David accords...."

SHE SAID "poor judge-

The Social Calendar

By JEAN HERSCHAFT



A rabbi took a husband in December last, when Laura Geller, who was ordained at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, married Michael Goldstein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Goldstein of Astoria, Queens and Danbury, Conn. The ceremony was performed in Central Synagogue by Rabbis David Barner and Richard Levy of Los Angeles and Cantor Sarah Sager of N.Y. Laura will retain her surname. She is director of the B'nai Brith Hillel Foundation at the University of Southern California. Her hubby is a graduate of Queens College and took his doctoral degrees at Brown. He is associate professor of public health education and sociology at the U. of California at L.A.

A February wedding is planned by Senator Floyd K. Haskell, (D) Colorado and Ms. Nina Totenberg, National Public Radio's legal affairs correspondent. She has also served as an editor of New Times Magazine and The National Observer. Nina is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roman Totenberg of Newton, Mass. She studied at Brown U., where her father, a concert violinist, had been professor of music for many years. He now heads the Longy School of Music in Cambridge, Mass. Sen Haskell, a Harvard man, is divorced and the father of three daughters. A personal note is that I recall attending U.J.A. Young Leadership meetings at the Totenberg home more than 25 years ago, when Roman and Melanie lived in N.Y.C. It was an elegant apartment. One of the U.J.A. young leaders then was Eli Black who was destined to reach the heights and the depths. His suicide several years ago by plunging from the 47th floor of the Pan Am Building, prior to the collapse of his financial empire, the United Fruit Company, made page one of the newspapers.

Wedding bells that rang recently united Holly Meg Pearl of Stamford, Conn. to Robert Lewis Pressman, Harrison, N.Y. Pressman is V.P. of one of the most famous names in men's department stores in New York, "Barneys." Holly is an investment counselor at the Bank of New York. Rabbi David Seligons tied the knot at the Plaza Hotel.

Ann and Al Robison were probably the last Jewish leaders that the Shah of Iran and his Empress Farah Diba entertained at their palace last July. Ann, a vice president of the National Council of Jewish Women, wrote in a "family" letter that "though they (the Shah and his wife) carried on valiantly, they could not conceal their gnawing anxiety over the difficulties they feared were in store for them and their country." Ann and Al were in Iran as delegates to the Triennial Convention, International Association of University Presidents... Ann, who is also a columnist for the Jewish Standard, Jersey City, wrote too that she and Al visited Romania and while there, went to Dr. Ana Aslan's famous clinic for youthful rejuvenation, whose patients are world-renowned personalities. Ann confided "and we hope, before it's too late, the list will include the aging Ann and Al Robison..." For the record, Ann is the youngest and peppiest 75 we've met!

At a B'nai Brith District No. 1 annual luncheon meeting at the Statler Hilton recently, Jules Margolis, the hubby of Pearl Margolis who is executive director, recognized a man he hadn't seen in more than 40 years... or, since both had been campers at Camp Delawaxen in upper New York State in the mid '30's. The man was Jack Herschaft, my dear husband. It was a joyous reunion and recollection when both were honor athletes at camp! Sen. Lowell Weiker, (R) Conn. was the main speaker at the event, however...

Police Charge JDL Interference

MIAMI BEACH — Police and a Jewish Defense League patrol were involved in a confrontation when the Jewish group stopped a possible suspect in the area where a Jewish woman was murdered two weeks ago. Police drove up quickly after the JDL interrogated the man, who drew a knife, claiming they had been tailing him and that the JDL crew had "blew their cover".

Eighty-year-old Nellie Pritzker was found beaten and asphyxiated in her apartment several weeks ago.

Bouquet Of The Week



The Bouquet of the Week, with our warmest wishes, goes to Irving Moschel who recently retired as area director of the State of Israel Bonds.

Moschel has been on the staff of the Israel Bond Organization for the past 25 years serving the Indiana-Illinois office for the past 12 years.

A native New Yorker, Moschel graduated from City College of New York and received his law degree from St. John's University. He came to Indiana in 1967.

An active member of Beth-El Zedeck, Moschel has served as vice-president of the Men's Club and on the Board of the Midwest Region of the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs.

He was an officer in World War II and emerged a captain. He met his wife, Ann, while in the army where she was an officer in the nurse corp. Moschel was active in the Jewish War veterans in the New York area. He was a post commander there.

Before coming to Indianapolis Moschel served as national cultural chairman and national vice-president of a congregation in New Jersey.

The Moschels have two children, Richard, and Beverly. Both are married and live out-of-state.

Singer To Entertain At Hillel Benefit

Ilan Mamber, balladeer in many languages, will entertain at 8:00 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21 at the Van Tarjan Student Loan Fund at Hillel in W. Lafayette.

Students and faculty members will dine together before the international folk concert.

Ilan, who accompanies himself on guitar and harmonica, sings in Hebrew, Yiddish, Spanish, Italian, Russian, and English. He has entertained off-Broadway and on university campuses as well as in cafes and night spots in Israel and America.

The Van Tarjan Loan Fund came about when Peter Tarjan, who was attending the University of Budapest, was able to flee the country during the Oct. 23, 1957 anti-communist revolt. He

Libby Lubin Buried In N.Y.

Libby Lubin, 74, 2024 Pin Oak Court, died Jan. 12 at home.

Born in Austria-Hungary Mrs. Lubin moved to Indianapolis in 1976 from New York.

She was active in the Zionist movement in the 1920's and 30's.

She was a member of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation and the Yiddish Club.

Funeral services were held in Bronx, N.Y. with burial in New York.

Survivors include a daughter, Rosalie Schneider, a son, Gilbert Lubin of Monsey, N.Y., a sister in Calif., and four grandchildren.

crossed the Hungarian border on Nov. 23 and reached New York City early in 1958. His cousin, Van Tarjan, who had left Hungary six years previously and was enrolled at Purdue University, arranged for Peter to attend Purdue on a university scholarship.

THE LAFAYETTE Jewish community gave Peter \$300 for books and clothes when he moved into the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation as a host. Peter was able to return the \$300 gift which became the basis of the Van Tarjan Loan Fund in memory of his cousin Van.

Dr. Peter Tarjan, who lives in Florida, still keeps in touch with the Committee that oversees the loans, made through the Van Tarjan Student Loan Fund. Many thousands of dollars have resulted from the annual dinners which have been held since the early '60s. The dinners are prepared by faculty wives and served by students.

The cost of the concert is \$2.50 for students and \$3.50 for others.

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ISRAEL BOND TRIBUTE—Mr. Charles E. Mercer (holding plaque) was the recipient of the Israel Solidarity Award on behalf of Israel Bonds at an Israel Tribute Luncheon held in Indianapolis recently. Mr. Mercer is President of Retail Clerks International Union, Local 725. The presentation was made by Mr. Robert Borns, General Chairman of State of Israel Bonds. Josef Almogi, former Mayor of Haifa, Minister of Labor, Minister of Housing, and former chairman of the Jewish Agency, spoke at the luncheon. Left to right: Barney Kayne, vice president of Standard Supermarkets, luncheon co-chairman; Josef Almogi, Charles Mercer, and Robert Borns.

Rabbi's Study Group Praised By Church Women

FT. WAYNE — Rabbi Richard B. Safran was praised in a letter to the News-Sentinel by Wilma Bell of Church Women United.

THE LETTER told of the four Thursday mornings in November when a group varying from 40 to 60 women met with the spiritual leader of Temple Achduth VeSholom for an hour of study.

"This was an opportunity offered at the annual Inter-Faith luncheon sponsored each fall by Church Women United," the letter related.

CONTINUING, the letter

said: "We who signed up for this group had no idea how many, nor from what age group nor from which denominations the participants would appear on the first Thursday in November. I had mentally calculated there would probably be 15 or 20 present. I was pleasantly surprised as I did a quick count of about 65 people, representing 10 denominations and approximately 30 different congregations.

"We shared a delightful four sessions. Rabbi Safran explained the Jewish worship service, the Torah and other

books of the Bible, Jewish customs and the meaning of the beautiful windows in the sanctuary. We submitted written questions on which he based his talks. He encouraged open questions also. He was gracious, thorough, informed and capable.

"Prejudice and lack of understanding between members of different faiths, usually based on misinformation and lack of communication, is so prevalent, but this helpful experience was an example of what can take place when there is communication."

ON TV

Intermarriage will be the topic of the TV program "A Jewish Perspective" at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 21 on Channel 8.

Guest panelists will be Rabbi Ronald Gray, Rabbi Dennis Sasso, Rabbi Jonathan Stein and Doris Stadler, a staff member of the Jewish Family and Childrens Service. The program will be moderated by Dr. Marcia Goldstone, executive director of the Jewish Community Relations Council.

"A Jewish Perspective" is produced by the JCRC and coordinated by Eve Perlstein and Howard Baumann.

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Teen Scene

By BARRY LIEBER
and MARLA HIRSCH

This week we talked with Marina Voldman, a recent immigrant from Kiev, Russia. Marina, who moved to Indianapolis in May, is 16 and a sophomore at Pike High School. She talked about her past life in Kiev.

TEEN SCENE: Describe the Jewish Community of Kiev. Was it close-knit like the Indianapolis Jewish Community?

MARINA: There were a lot of Jews in Kiev although five years ago there were almost twice as many. Everyone is leaving. The Jews lived in one part of town and went to school together. We were not forced to. We just wanted to live in the same part of town. I went to a school where there were many Jewish teachers and students.

T.S.: Could you practice Judaism freely in Kiev?

MARINA: No, it was illegal.

T.S.: Were there any synagogues, yeshivas, or Hebrew schools in Kiev?

MARINA: No, there was just one tiny shul for all the Jews in the city.

T.S.: Were you allowed to celebrate the holidays in your home?

MARINA: We probably could celebrate the holidays in our home, but since there were no Jewish calendars we didn't know when they were.

T.S.: In everyday life were Jews treated fairly by the non-Jews?

MARINA: Not really. If a Jew and a gentile were both trying to get a job the people would hire the gentile. They would not say to the Jew, "We can not hire you because you are a Jew." They would say, "Someone came in before you and we hired them."

WE ALSO asked Marina about her school.

MARINA: In our school we took 12 subjects, and we didn't have a choice of what to take. There were no elementary, junior high, or high schools. Everyone went to one school. We went from 8:30 to 2:30, 6 days a week. We had a lot of homework. In younger grades we went from 8:30 to 2:30, ate dinner at 2:30, and from 3:00 to 7:00 we did all of our homework.

T.S.—So you were at school from 8:30 to 7:00?

MARINA: Yes.

T.S.—What did you do on your spare time or on school vacations?

MARINA: We usually stayed in Kiev. I lived close to the beach so I went there a lot. We sometimes went on vacations to Crimea on the Black Sea. I went to movies too.

T.S.—What are movies like in Russia? Are they mostly propaganda films?

MARINA: Most movies were regular movies, but before a movie there would be a short film showing an accomplishment of the (Communist) Party, or a very productive factory, or a scientific accomplishment.

T.S.—Were there any American movies shown?

MARINA: Some, but not many.

T.S.—Back to religion; was it hard for you to leave Russia?

MARINA: Yes, we waited three months for a visa.

T.S.—What was your main reason for leaving Russia?

MARINA: We left because there was really no future for us as Jews there.

T.S.—Did just Jews leave Russia?

MARINA: Gentiles were not allowed to leave, but

some gentiles married Jews just so they could get out. When they got to Rome or Vienna they got divorced.

T.S.—After you left Kiev, where did you go before coming to Indianapolis?

MARINA: We went to Vienna after we left Kiev. We waited there for a while to change our visas for Israel to visas for America. All Jews must say to the Russians that they are going to Israel, but after they're out they can change their destination.

T.S.—By the way, where did most of the people who you knew, who left Russia, go?

MARINA: Mostly to Israel, America, and Canada. After Vienna we went to Rome, and stayed there for three months. Then we went to Rochester, N.Y. because we had friends there. They couldn't take us so we didn't know what to do.

T.S.—How did you end up in Indianapolis?

MARINA: An organization called H.I.A.S., which helps Russian Jews, directed us to Indianapolis. I'd never heard of Indianapolis. I just knew about the big cities like New York or Chicago or Detroit. When we got to Indianapolis we didn't know where to go or what to do, but right away people helped us. People are so nice here. It is so good being free and Jewish here.

T.S.—Are there any bad things about America for you?

MARINA: The English is the bad part.

Marina really speaks excellent English for having been here for only eight months. We wish Marina good luck in the U.S.

We also congratulate Lisa Nelson for being elected vice-president of Deb-Ette.

If you have any news that you would like printed contact Barry at 253-7346 or Marla at 253-2188.

Notes On People

David J. Weinstein has been promoted from a management trainee to the position of District Service Manager of the Cadillac Motorcar Division, Kansas City Zone and will be relocating to Omaha, Neb.

Community Calendar

JANUARY 21

B & P Hadassah Meeting at Park Central Clubhouse. 2:00 P.M.
Yiddish Club at JCC. 1:30 P.M.
Folk Concert at Hillel in W. Lafayette. 8:00 P.M.

JANUARY 25

Great Books Group at JCC. 8:00 P.M.

JANUARY 26

IHC Amos Society Shabbat Dinner at IHC.

JANUARY 28

Adult Discussion Group at IHC. 9:00 A.M.

Temple Teens To Host OVTY Regional Conclave

Temple Teens senior youth group will host the annual Regional Conclave of the Ohio Valley Federation of Temple Youth from Feb. 8-11, at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation.

Teenagers from Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Tennessee and West Virginia will share a weekend of study, worship and social activities at IHC.

The theme of the weekend is "Reform Judaism: In the Process of Change." Study sessions will explore the history and direction of the Reform movement. Cultural events will explore attitudes toward ritual and Israel.

Steve Brodsky and Sarah Iden are conclave chairmen. Anyone who can help by

housing out-of-town participants preparing meals or providing transportation can contact the chairmen.

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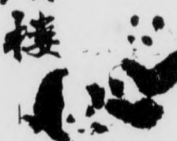
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